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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## DECEMBER PROTECTIVE WORK

### WARNING

#### OPERATOR USES MARMON AUTOMOBILE

Finds many victims with worthless checks

ANDREW S. JACQUES. During 1916, this individual met with some success defrauding banks through opening accounts and then succeeding in drawing against worthless checks. We did not hear of him again until May, 1920, when a member bank of Hollywood, Calif., was victimized by means of a worthless check drawn on the Bank of Blackwater, Mo. Jacques' mode of operation was the same as in 1916. He opened an account, depositing his personal check, drawn on the above-named bank, which subsequently proved to be worthless. While in Hollywood, Calif., Jacques was successful in securing a Marmon four passenger "chummy" roadster, giving as an initial payment, a worthless check. Needless to state, he has not made any further payments, though many are due. He left California in his car and drove east, passing through the state of Ohio, where he defrauded a member bank at Newark. From Ohio he drove south to Florida, defrauding a member bank at St. Augustine. He then traveled up the eastern coast and defrauded a member bank at Boston, Mass. He next defrauded a bank at Manchester, N. H., and then a bank at Newport News, Va. He was in Newport News on December 4, and that is the last we have heard of him. Jacques has numerous license plates for his automobile and changes them often. Warrants are in existence for this individual's arrest, and should he call at your institution, kindly detain him and notify the nearest office of our detective agents immediately. He travels with his wife and ten months' old baby. Jacques has used the following aliases: J. S. Andrews, alias J. S. Inghram, alias John Ingram, alias A. K. Notman, alias J. G. Lewman, alias J. I. Felton, etc. In his recent operations he used checks drawn on the Peoples National Bank, Boston, Mass., and the First National Bank, St. Augustine, Fla. He is described as follows: 40 to 45 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches, 165 pounds, medium dark complexion, gray eyes, dark brown hair, graying, short dark mustache; several teeth in upper front jaw are gold capped, cap does not cover entire tooth.

*J. I. Felton*  
*Two Hundred*

### NEGRO IMPOSTOR

Claims to be oil and real estate operator

On November 26, 1920, a negro using the name HENRY HUBBARD, was introduced at a member bank in Kansas City, Kans., by another negro of that city who had lived there for some time and bore a fair reputation. The negro, upon opening an account, claimed to be from Oklahoma, where he had been in the oil and real estate business. The initial deposit consisted of two drafts, purporting to have been issued by a member bank at Muskogee, Okla. These drafts later proved to be forgeries, however the bank allowed this negro to draw on his account quite heavily before the items



HENRY HUBBARD

were collected. Our detective agents were immediately notified and identified this negro as Jim Manuel, an ex-convict, who has served several penitentiary sentences. Manual's picture is shown herewith and he is described as being about 40 years of age, 6 feet, 175 or 180 pounds, medium dark colored; usually wears his hair cut very close; face is rough and covered with pimples where he shaves.

*Henry Hubbard*

#### FAKE MINISTER

GEORGE MURRY BAKER, recently defrauded a member bank of Somerville, N. J., by means of a worthless check, he having secured funds from an uncollected item. Baker appeared in the neighborhood and at once associated with several very prominent church people. In fact, he assumed a very prominent part. Through this association he became acquainted with an employee of the defrauded bank, thereby enabling him to transact his fraudulent deal. Baker has attached a few degrees to his name, such as D.D. and Ph. D. He claims to be associate editor of the Century Magazine and in fact presents cards to back up this representation. He is not connected with this magazine or known to any

*George Murry Potter S.D.*

of the officials. Hold this impostor should he appear in your vicinity. Baker is described as 30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, slight build, medium dark complexion, dark hair, wears glasses. Presents a good appearance and address. Has complete knowledge of the ministers and churches in the Newark Conference.

A. A. CARLETON, alias A. A. Carlson. Through accepting a check purporting to have been issued by the Vitagraph Company of America, which later proved to be a forgery, a member bank of San Francisco, Calif., has sustained a loss. Carleton also operated against another local bank with success. It is, therefore, suggested that banks in California watch for this operator who is described as follows: 20 years of age, 5 feet, 9 inches, 150 pounds, slender build, light complexion, light blue eyes, reddish brown hair. The California Bankers Association is prorating in the expenses of this investigation.

J. H. HOWARTH defrauded a member bank at Claremont, New Hampshire, by means of a check drawn on the First National Bank, White River Junction, Vt. Howarth was formerly employed at the last mentioned place and for some time past has been issuing checks drawn against the institutions named in this article. All these checks are being returned as worthless. We are unable at this time to supply a description of the operator.

CLAUDE E. JONES, formerly an oil field operator of some little note, turned bad about six months ago and since that time has defrauded hotels, merchants, as well as individuals, out of thousands of dollars by means of worthless checks. He is a Master Mason, and uses his knowledge of the work in defrauding brother Masons. He is a big, virile fellow of forceful personality and unlimited nerve, and seems to have victimized practically everyone upon whom he has made an attempt. So far the only bank loss reported is that of a Houston member bank. He is 45 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 185 pounds, muscular build, ruddy complexion, brown eyes, thick black hair, fairly good dresser; wears large Shriner emblem in coat lapel; good talker and always telling of big oil operations and big money he is about to make.

*Claude E. Jones*  
*Eight Hundred*

JOSEPH KURBY, alias Lewis Hoffman, alias Denning Goddson, defrauded member banks in Kansas City recently by opening accounts with each with \$1,050 in cash, later depositing worthless checks, drawn on a member bank in Hammond, Ind., purporting to have been issued by St. Mary's Catholic Fund, for a large amount and drawing on them before they were collected. This man claimed he was opening a restaurant in Kansas City, and gave fictitious addresses on his signature card. He appeared to be an Italian or Frenchman, and is described as being about 30 years of age, medium build, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches, dark complexion, dark eyes, black wavy hair, smooth shaven.

E. JAY TAYLOR. A loss has been sustained by a member bank of San Francisco, Calif., through paying out on uncollected items. Taylor carried what was presumed to be a very satisfactory account with the victim bank and as his account was very active, through an error on their part, they credited his account with a check of considerable size, drawn on the Citizens Union National Bank of Louisville, Ky. This check was eventually returned as worthless. Our detective agents are now searching for this individual in the South. He is described as 45 to 50 years of age, 6 feet, 175 to 180 pounds, medium build, fair complexion, gray eyes, rapidly graying hair, undershot jaw, talks quickly and jerky and invariably holds his face close to the party to whom he is speaking. The California Bankers Association will prorate the expenses of the investigation.

ROY WILLIAMS, alias Warren Williams. Quite recently a printing shop situated in Concord, Calif., was broken into and several sample checks stolen. Following this crime a member bank of that city accepted one of the stolen checks payable to Roy Williams, which bore a forged signature of one of their customers. Our detective agents are at the present time engaged in endeavoring to locate the operator who is described as follows: 21 years of age, 6 feet 1 inch, 185 pounds, heavy build, round shouldered, pale complexion, very prominent gums with a streak across the teeth, is a prize fighter by occupation. The California Bankers Association is prorating the expenses of the investigation.

### LOOK FOR STOLEN CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT

The Scandinavian American Bank of Spokane, Wash., has requested that we warn our members against cashing the following described certificate of deposit, secured from them through fraud:

Number 3031, dated Dec. 12, 1920, for \$750, payable to S. J. Warren.

Warrant has been issued and is in the hands of the local authorities. Should this certificate be presented, immediately notify this department or the Spokane police.

### GENERAL

#### NOTE!!!

GEORGE E. H. GOETZ. This individual is under arrest at Baltimore, Md., charged with issuing bogus checks.



GEORGE E. H. GOETZ.

Our detective agents have a very extensive record of his many operations, but it is the common opinion of the interested parties that Goetz is wanted in cities where he has operated but whose names do not appear in our files. Kindly examine the photograph and if recognized as being the facsimile of the man who operated against your institution, please notify this department at once.

**HOWARD GRAHAM.** This individual, posing as a sergeant in the United States Army, called upon a good customer of a New York city member bank and negotiated for the purchase of an automobile. He offered to pay for the car with two checks amounting to \$2,000 drawn on the Harriman National Bank of New York City. The bank's customer took the precaution to verify the genuineness of the checks with the result that they were not defrauded. However, Graham is a very plausible talker and no doubt will make similar negotiations, therefore the banking fraternity is requested to notify their customers in the automobile business to watch for this man.

**HARRY C. KING,** alias Joe Mitchell. While in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad and stationed at Verona, Pa., King opened an account with a member bank located in that city. Through an error on the part of one of their employees, King overdraw his account at the institution. At the present time King is a fugitive from justice and our detective agents are now searching for him. He is described as 35 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 175 pounds, medium heavy build, ruddy complexion, blue eyes, sandy hair.

**GEORGE LEVY,** who represents himself to be a salesman for the S. M. Levee Co., of Vallejo, Calif., is drawing checks on the Vallejo Commercial National Bank, where he is unknown and does not carry an account. He is described as 45 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 145 pounds, dark hazel eyes, black hair, prominent scar on right temple.



GEORGE LEVY.

## STOLEN DIVIDEND CHECK

Our readers are requested to watch for a party who, no doubt, will endeavor to secure funds on a dividend check secured through fraud. The check in question is described as follows: No. 1655 on the Columbia Trust Company, New York City, dividend No. 20, due December 1, 1920, in the amount of \$2,500 for capital stock with the Cerro de Pasco Copper Co., payable to Henry C. McEldowney. On this check there is also the address of Henry C. McEldowney, c/o Hotel Endicott, New York City.

As this check was secured through fraud by an unknown party, payment has been stopped. It is requested that our members watch for this check and hold it if presented.

## STOLEN LIBERTY BONDS

Kindly watch for the following listed Fourth Liberty Loan 4½% temporary bonds, due 1938 for \$10,000 each:

Nos. 72509 to 72517 inclusive		
" 72818	" 72828	"
" 74369	" 74378	"
" 75658	" 75677	"

Coupons are not attached to these bonds.

## MOWERY IN AGAIN

St. Louis police identify Mowery on Burns' circular

We have published a good many articles relative to arrests of various operators, but never with the same satisfaction as experienced when writing about Mowery. This man has caused members of this Association more trouble than any two other operators put together. During his career we have published articles in the following issues of the JOURNAL Supplement: June, 1910; October, 1911; June, 1912; August, 1912; September, 1918; June, 1919 and July, 1919.

On December 14, a man using the name of F. J. Foster purchased a Todd Check Writer and after using it he endeavored to secure a refund by turning back the machine. When F. W. Pagel, the local agent refused to make the exchange, Foster made quite a fuss with the result that police headquarters was asked for assistance. Foster was taken off the premises and finally taken to headquarters by Detectives Lemkemeier and Agee. At this point Chief of Detectives Hannegan upon questioning Foster recognized him as being none other than T. J. MOWERY, alias John B. Tift, the subject of a reward circular sent out by our detective agents in June, 1920. This identification was verified by Bertillon Expert Shea. Our agents' St. Louis representatives were notified



T. J. MOWERY



and arrangements were made to turn Foster, alias Mowery, alias Tift over to the Savannah, Georgia, authorities, where he is wanted by our agents for defrauding member banks.

Following Mowery's arrest, THOMAS H. SHEPPARD, his accomplice, was also apprehended and upon questioning him it was found that they were operating in the following manner: Sheppard resided for a time in Tulsa, while Mowery took up a temporary residence in St. Louis. Mowery called on several large firms of attorneys and entered into negotiations with them for the purpose of collecting from Sheppard an alleged outstanding note amounting to \$10,000. It was Sheppard's duty to answer this correspondence through his attorneys and then eventually send in checks for the amount of the note and interest due.



THOMAS H. SHEPPARD

At the time of the arrest Mowery was preparing cashier checks and consequently found it necessary to use a check writer. Thereby hangs the tale. The plot was nipped in the bud and a very clever criminal and his accomplice are in the toils. It is hoped that the Georgia authorities will profit from past experiences of other state authorities and that Mowery will be sent to an institution where his escape will be impossible.

## ARRESTED

### NOTORIOUS BANDITS APPREHENDED

About 3 o'clock on the afternoon of October 15, 1920, an unmasked man entered the First State Bank of Alluwe, Okla., covered Cashier F. M. Eaves, who was in the bank alone, with a revolver and forced him to put all the money in the safe in a black handbag, as well as a considerable amount in Liberty bonds.

After securing the money, the lone bandit joined a second man who was waiting outside in a Buick car. Cashier Eaves recognized these men as being TOM SLAUGHTER and FULTON GREEN. The latter was driving the car. Mr. Eaves immediately notified the authorities and a posse was formed but were unable to capture the bandits.

On October 29, Sheriff J. F. Powers of Sedan, Kans., with his deputies, who had been on the lookout for Tom Slaughter and his gang, arrested Slaughter and Green.

The arrest of Tom Slaughter brought an end to the career of one of the most dangerous bandits who has infested Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Kansas in the past few years, he having with others, robbed banks at Athens and Graham, Texas; Alluwe, Okla., and others in Kentucky. His companion, Fulton Green, was also implicated with him in the bank holdups mentioned in Texas and at Alluwe, Okla.

Fulton Green is wanted also for holding up the Farmers Bank at Odessa, Mo., on July 1, 1920, in which holdup he was assisted by Buster Jarrett, whose arrest was caused by our detective agents on August 8, 1920, at Delaware, Okla. Slaughter and Green, however, have been returned to Hot Springs, Ark., charged with the murder of Peace Officer Brown at that place.

### GRACEMONT, OKLA. BURGLARS ARRESTED

On the night of October 7, 1920, a member bank at Grace-mont, Okla., was burglarized and a considerable amount in War Savings Stamps secured. Entrance was gained through a window of the bank building and a hole tunneled through the wall of the vault. The criminals were traced to Anadarko, Okla., and later to Bartlesville, Okla., where CHARLES ECCLESTON and SCOTT RUBLE were arrested by Sheriff Cox of Anadarko, and the chief of police of Bartlesville on October 11, 1920. Both men were returned to Anadarko and are now being held in jail awaiting trial. Charles Eccleston is described as being 25 years of age, 5 feet 9½ inches, 137½ pounds, medium build, ruddy complexion, brown eyes, dark brown hair, smooth shaven. Scott Ruble is about 22 years of age, 6 feet ¼ inch, 146 pounds, slender build, fair complexion, blue eyes, red hair, smooth shaven, and is a baker by trade.



CHARLES ECCLESTON



SCOTT RUBLE

ROBERT BLANCHARD, alias Romeo Manaldo, HENRY D. HOLEMAN, JOE MUCALDO and JOE BRAGO. On October 19, 1920, an attempt was made to burglarize the bank of Wiggins, Miss. The New Orleans representatives of our detective agents were requested to make an investigation. While investigating this case, the authorities at Baton Rouge,

La., arrested the above-named men as suspects. They afterwards were positively identified as being individuals who were seen in the vicinity previous to the attempted burglary. At the present time these men are being held on the charge in question.

EARL HANNA, JOHN BURCHFIELD, PAUL TAYLOR, G. O. EODECKER and OSCAR WIDNER, who were implicated in the hold-up of a bank at Sulphur Springs, Ark., and whose arrest was brought about by the local authorities, have since been sentenced to serve 10 years each in the Arkansas State Penitentiary.

BARNEY BOLLOU and L. L. BARNEY. While in the act of holding up the First State Bank of Indianahoma, Okla., Bollou and Barney became alarmed and immediately vacated the premises. A posse of citizens was quickly organized and they soon surrounded the would-be bandits and effected their arrest. Upon being placed on trial they entered a plea of guilty and were subsequently sentenced to five years each in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at Granite, Okla.

WALTER C. BOWICK, who defrauded a member bank of Des Moines, Iowa, by means of forging the name of his fiancée to several checks and cashing them at various department stores and hotels, was apprehended through the efforts of the Des Moines and New Orleans representatives of our detective agents. After fighting extradition, he was returned to Des Moines, where he is at present awaiting trial. The Iowa Bankers Association prorated in the expenses of the investigation.

GEORGE M. BOTTOMLY, alias Howard Hannum, defrauded a number of merchants of Des Moines and was apprehended through the efforts of the Des Moines representatives of our detective agents at St. Paul, Minn. He was returned to Des Moines and pleaded guilty to a bogus check charge. It later developed that this same man defrauded a member bank at Spencer, Iowa, and a detainer warrant is held by the sheriff of Polk County to hold him for the sheriff at Spencer, Iowa, where he is charged with forgery.

J. H. CARNE, alias J. W. Gage. A member bank at New Orleans, La., sustained a loss through a check bearing the forged indorsement of J. W. Gage, one of their depositors. In explaining the case, the bank official stated that the operator gave his name as J. W. Gage and deposited a check, drawn on the National Bank of Commerce, Wichita Falls, Texas, bearing the indorsement of J. W. Gage. After he had checked this money out, it was found that the check really belonged to another J. W. Gage, who was believed to have lost it. This fact was verified by a letter from the real Gage, who was at the time at Sillsbee, Texas, but who formerly resided in New Orleans. An investigation was conducted by our detective agents' New Orleans representatives, which resulted in the arrest of J. H. Carne, who broke down and admitted his guilt. Carne is at present being held awaiting trial.

JOHN CASPER has been arrested by the local authorities, charged with being implicated in the burglary of the Pine City State Bank, Pine City, Wash. Since writing this article, Casper was convicted on the above charge and received an indeterminate sentence in the Washington State Penitentiary. The expenses of the investigation made by our agents were prorated with the Washington Bankers Association.

JAMES F. CLARK (true name), alias James W. Olson, etc. While attempting to secure funds from a member bank of Des Moines, Iowa, Clark was detected and detained until a

Des Moines representative of our detective agents could reach the scene. Clark claimed that the check in question which he was attempting to dispose of had been given to him by someone else to cash. He held to this story for some time, but eventually confessed to having forged the signature on same. Following the securing of this confession the operator was turned over to the local authorities and held awaiting trial. During his operations he has used the following aliases: John Spagg, alias O. C. Hill, alias Geo. E. Crowley, alias Henry M. Marshall, alias J. H. Chalmers. He is described as 28 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 145 pounds, florid complexion, blue eyes, sandy hair, small sandy mustache. The Iowa Bankers Association prorated in the expenses of this investigation.

MRS. M. DAVIS. Through the activities of the San Francisco representatives of our detective agents, Mrs. M. Davis is now under arrest at San Francisco, Calif., charged with having defrauded a member bank at Parlier, Calif., by means of a check bearing the forged signature of one of their prominent customers. The expenses of the investigation were prorated with the California Bankers Association.

STEPHEN EDGAR DEWITT, who attempted to swindle a member bank of San Jose, Calif., was located by the local authorities while registered at a local hotel, and placed under arrest. Inasmuch as the charge there was none too strong, he was surrendered to the San Francisco authorities and has been taken to that point, where he will stand trial for defrauding a local member bank. This is not the first time that DeWitt has been in trouble, as our records show that he has been in difficulties in San Francisco for issuing bad checks. After DeWitt has straightened out his difficulty with the San Francisco complainant, it will be necessary for him to answer similar charges in Los Angeles, Calif., where he is also wanted. The California Bankers Association prorated in the expenses of this investigation.

BEARD J. DUPREE, alias Mortimer A. Katz. After defrauding a member bank of Coronado, Calif., by means of a very clever scheme, Dupree had his criminal career nipped in the bud, as he was apprehended by the local authorities and a representative of the bank while attempting to escape from his field of activity. Of all the schemes brought to our attention, Dupree's method of operation heads the list. Dupree carried an account with the main office of a member bank of San Diego, Calif. Upon learning that they had a branch at Coronado, he telephoned that institution and represented him-



BEARD J. DUPREE

self to be an employee of the bank. He advised the official that they carried a good account with a man by the name of Dupree and that they had just been instructed by their customer's father not to let the boy draw out any amount over \$3,000, as he was going the pace, and while the money was his he was a good spender. Following this call, Dupree appeared at the bank and presented a check for a considerable amount, remarking at the time that he was putting one over on his father. The bank, not suspecting anything out of the ordinary, paid out the money. The fraud was shortly afterwards discovered, with the ultimate arrest of the operator and the recovery of the money. Dupree is described as 20 years of age, 5 feet 2½ inches tall, 130 pounds, small build, fair complexion, dark blue eyes, dark brown hair. His finger print classification is:

U15 R21 U13 U13-14 U11  
U17 U10 U13 U15 U13.

JACK EDSALL (true name Donald Northup). After being introduced to an official of a member bank of South San Francisco by a well-known resident, Edsall was successful in securing funds on a check drawn on an out-of-town bank. This check was later returned as worthless. Our detective agents' San Francisco representatives were requested to make an investigation. The investigation resulted in the locating of the operator near Bakersfield, Calif., where he was arrested by the local authorities cooperating with our agents. Edsall will be returned to San Francisco for trial. The California Bankers Association prorated the expenses of the investigation with this association.

OSCAR FAIRCHILD, alias Earl Hell, who defrauded a member bank of Modesto, Calif., was recently arrested by the local authorities and has since been sentenced to an indeterminate term in the California State Penitentiary, San Quentin, Calif. The California Bankers Association prorated in the expenses of the investigation.

RUSSELL GOFF endeavored to defraud a member bank of Ogden, Utah, by means of a forged telegraphic request for funds. This matter was reported to the Salt Lake City representatives of our detective agents and they, after a short investigation, were successful in locating Goff in Ogden, where he was placed under arrest through information supplied by our agents. At the present time Goff is being held by the Federal authorities, charged with raising a post-office money order from \$1.50 to \$41.50. It is doubtful whether or not he will be tried on the "attempt to swindle" charge.

JOHN HUBBARD HOWRY, alias T. L. Brantley, alias Paul W. Norton, Jr. This operator has recently followed the practice of representing himself as a relation of prominent people. For a while he represented himself to be Paul W. Norton, Jr., connected with the Norton brokerage house, and at another time he claimed to be Mr. R. L. Brantley of Colliers, and in each and every instance, through his representations, he was successful in securing funds from different individuals by means of bogus checks. Member banks at Springfield, Mass., and Westerly, R. I., are listed among his victims. This matter was reported to our detective agents for investigation. On December 2, 1920, through instructions given to one of his victims by our agents, Howry was located and turned over to a police officer and was held on a local charge. Since this local charge has been made, detainer warrants have been lodged by the Springfield and Westerly authorities, however, Howry will be returned to Washington, D. C., for trial, and then will be sent to Westerly. Howry comes from a

prominent family, but owing to his many escapades has been disowned by his parents.

R. A. JACKSON, alias R. E. Hains, who defrauded a member bank of Townsend, Wash., by means of forged checks, was located and his arrest effected at Seattle, Wash., by the local representatives of our detective agents. Through peculiar circumstances, Jackson was later permitted to make good the amount of the loss and was given his liberty.

R. A. JACKSON, alias R. E. Hains. In the article appearing just above this one, we have mentioned the arrest and subsequent release of Jackson. From all appearances, Jackson immediately took up his fraudulent transactions after getting out of his first difficulty. This time he prevailed upon the good nature of an employee of a member bank at Sequim, Wash., to honor one of his worthless checks. Our agents were again notified, with the result that Jackson was again located and his arrest effected. This time Jackson will not fare so well, and will have to stand trial for his offense.

ROSE JINARDY. Through a series of forgeries perpetrated against them, a member bank at Passaic, N. J., sustained a loss of considerable size. In all there were ten checks. They reported their loss to the New York office of our detective agents, and the matter was placed under investigation. Before the day had passed they were successful in locating and causing the arrest of the operator and secured a complete confession from her. At the present time this woman is being held awaiting trial.

HARRY KLOEPFNER, by forging the signature of one of his friends to a small check, which he cashed at a member bank of Mentor, Minn., caused that bank to sustain a loss. Our agents, in investigating the case, ascertained that Kloepper had enlisted and was stationed at Camp Funston. Following out this lead, they located the operator and through their information Kloepper was placed in the guard house to await the arrival of the interested authorities.

JOHN MALLOY. On September 16, 1920, the People's Bank of Unity, Pa., was held up by a lone bandit and several thousand dollars in cash secured. Later in the evening the police of New Kensington, Pa., encountered a suspect and from description decided that this man was the man wanted for the hold-up. He was detained and the interested bank notified, with the result that he was positively identified, whereupon he confessed and returned to the bank approximately their entire loss. On November 17, 1920, Malloy entered the plea of guilty and was sentenced to serve an indeterminate term of three to seven years in the Western Penitentiary of Pennsylvania.

J. MIKILAS, alias Wm. Ferres, etc., is being held at San Francisco, Calif., on a charge of issuing forged checks. Before the San Francisco representatives of our detective agents had a chance to take up their investigation, Mikilas appeared at the bank and presented one of the forged checks, whereupon he was detained until our representative could arrive. Upon his arrival there, the operator was questioned very thoroughly, but he refused to change his story. Inasmuch as there was a further investigation to be made on this matter, the operator was held for investigation and on a subsequent date he was arraigned and a formal charge was placed against him for the crime of issuing forged checks. Mikilas is described as 26 years of age, 6 feet, 175 pounds, blue eyes, light sandy hair, smooth shaven, Greek. The expenses of this investigation have been prorated with the California Bankers Association.



**FRANK MUNSEY.** By means of a series of forgeries, Frank Munsey was successful in causing a member bank of Pasadena, Calif., to sustain a small loss. Following his fraudulent transaction, he disappeared from the vicinity. Through the efforts of several representatives of our detective agents, Munsey was traced to Louisville, Ky., at which point he was placed under arrest by our agents cooperating with the local authorities.

**JEROME O'BRIEN.** This individual successfully operated against two member banks of Salt Lake City, Utah, and also several merchants of that city, by means of forged checks, being very successful in forging the signatures of depositors of these banks. The Salt Lake City representatives of our detective agents, upon investigating the case, ascertained that O'Brien was at Provo, Utah. This information was supplied to the Provo authorities, with the result that O'Brien was arrested and returned to Salt Lake City for trial.

**FRED PETERSON,** charged with having in his possession Government War Savings Stamps stolen from the Scio State Bank, Scio, Ore., was arrested by the local authorities and has been sentenced to a term of one year in the county jail at Portland, Ore. The Oregon Bankers Association prorated in the expenses of the investigation made by our agents.

**W. W. RADCLIFFE.** A member bank at Antigo, Wis., reported to this department a loss sustained by them through accepting a bogus check given to them by this individual. The matter was reported to our detective agents for attention and before they were successful in reaching the scene of investigation, Radcliffe was located and his arrest caused by the interested authorities.

**J. S. RICE,** alias Jack Rice, alias J. S. Jones, recently defrauded a member bank at Duncan, Okla., with a check to which he had forged a relative's name. The matter was turned over to our detective agents' Oklahoma City representative, and after a short investigation Rice was arrested. At a subsequent trial Rice was sentenced to one year at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Rice is about 35 years of age, 5 feet 7 or

8 inches, 165 or 170 pounds, ruddy complexion, gray eyes, brown hair; oil well driller by occupation.

**C. L. SCHOEMAKER.** A member bank of Red Oak, Iowa, was defrauded by Schoemaker when he secured funds on uncollected items. The Des Moines representatives of our detective agents were requested to make an investigation. After several days' work, Schoemaker was located on a farm near Altoona, Iowa, where his arrest was effected by our representatives cooperating with the local authorities. The Iowa Bankers Association prorated in the expenses of this investigation.

**T. C. WALKER.** Quite recently a member bank of Verden, Okla., suffered a loss through having their vault burglarized. During our investigation, one T. C. Walker was suspected of this crime. While our agents were still occupied with their investigation, Walker was located by Chief of Police Mead of Ponca City, Okla., and placed under arrest. At the present time he is being held awaiting trial.

**MRS. GEO. T. WATSON** was arrested in San Francisco, Calif., for having defrauded a member bank of that city by fraudulently removing from a safe deposit box valuables not belonging to her. This matter was reported to the local representatives of our detective agents, who were successful in locating her, and through the cooperation of the local authorities caused her apprehension. The expenses of the investigation were prorated with the California Bankers Association.

**J. T. WILKEY** is a new addition to the ranks of bad check artists, having given a member bank of Shreveport, La., a worthless check on the First State Bank of Tenaha, Texas. He also defrauded a hotel of Houston through a worthless draft. This later, however, was made good by Wilkey after his arrest in Houston. The Houston representative of our detective agents located Wilkey and caused his arrest. Wilkey is described as 50 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 200 pounds, heavy build, blond complexion, black hair tinged with gray, stubby brown mustache; wears expensive clothes and gold eyeglasses.

#### STATISTICS OF THE PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1920	Arrested since August 31, 1920	Arrested in Dec., 1920	Total	Convicted	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc.....	144	86	24	110	52	23	6	173
Burglars.....	7	2	9	11	8	.....	.....	10
Hold-up robbers.....	7	2	10	12	11	.....	.....	8
Sneak thieves.....	3	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	4
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>195</b>



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 MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY.—Ridge Arcade Building.  
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## JANUARY PROTECTIVE WORK

### WARNING

#### FAKE SALESMAN OPERATING

JUSTIN STEVER. Member banks should be on the alert for a swindler using this name and operating under the name of the Universale Sales Company, 926 Singer Building, New York. He appeared in Spokane, Wash., recently and canvassed the retail drug firms on a proposition giving them a large discount on their purchases of nationally advertised drugs and sundries. He had considerable printed literature and discount lists and made a good impression. He obtained a subscription fee from a retail druggist which was made payable to the Universale Sales Company. He took this to a member bank and had two New York drafts issued to the Universale Sales Company, which concern is non-existent.

#### FORGED TELEGRAMS

A member bank in Florence, Kan., received a telegram purporting to be from a bank in Augusta, Kan. This bank advised that they would honor H. A. CONWAY'S check for a certain sum. Shortly after this a young man called on the member bank in Florence and said his name was H. A. Conway, and asked if they had received a telegram from the bank in Augusta authorizing them to pay him some money. He represented that he had a lease transaction which had to be closed immediately. His check was paid on the strength of the telegram. It later developed that the telegram was forged and that such a man was not known by the bank in Augusta, Kan. Our Kansas City detective agents were immediately notified and are at the present time endeavoring to locate this swindler, who is described as being about 28 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, 135 to 140 pounds, slender build, fair complexion, blue or gray eyes, light brown hair, smooth shaven.

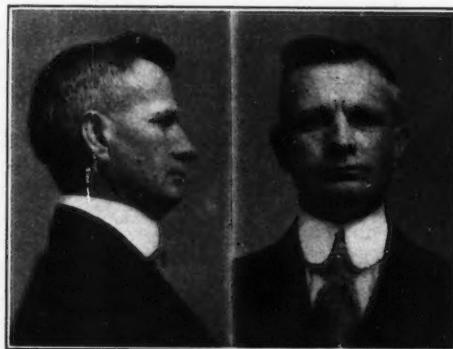
R. W. FITZPATRICK, who was formerly a representative of the Bradstreet Commercial Agency at Great Falls, Mont., started on a bogus check spree which took him to Havre, Shelby, Browning, Kalispell and Whitefish, Libby and Missoula, Mont. He is using checks signed "The Bradstreet Company." His description follows: About 28 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches, very slender build, blue eyes, dark curly hair; very slender face, good talker; is graduate Columbia University.

GEO. M. HOPPER, alias M. E. Hawley, attempted to open an account with Greenebaum Sons Bank and Trust Co., Chicago, Ill., with a check drawn against the Peoples National Bank, Rock Island, Ill. As he was unable to properly identify himself at the bank, they accepted the check for collection

and issued to him their certificate of deposit for \$717.50. Watch for this certificate, as Hopper will no doubt endeavor to establish credit with same. He is described as 45 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches, 175 pounds, dark eyes and hair; wears glasses, soft hat and dark overcoat; very talkative.

#### WATCH FOR THIS MAN

R. L. KEITH, alias Fred G. Hall, alias F. E. Foster, alias F. G. Roberts, was arrested in St. Louis, Mo., on October 26, 1920, as he left a printing establishment with 200 cashier's checks on the Merchants Exchange Bank of Quincy, Ill., (non-existent), under his arm, which he had just had printed. It



ROBERT L. KEITH

was through the prompt and proper action of this printer in telephoning our detective agents that the man was caught. The case against Keith at Forsyth, Ga., reported in the April and May, 1920 JOURNAL Supplements, was settled there. As the local authorities were unable to press a charge against him, Keith was released and ordered out of St. Louis a few days after his arrest. We publish herewith his photograph so that member banks may be on the lookout for him.

FRANK E. MCARDLE, opened a checking account with a member bank at Davenport, Wash., using a bogus check on the Bank of Powers, Powers, Ore. McARDLE has not defrauded any banks as far as is known, but is a professional check artist and may attempt to operate against banks with checks on above-named members.

JAMES J. MCGRAW, while employed by an insurance company at Billings, Mont., defrauded a member bank in that city by means of a forged check. The sheriff at Billings holds felony warrants for his arrest. He is described as follows: 22 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 125 pounds, stocky build, freckled face, blue eyes, dark red, slightly curly hair; snub nose, talks fast and of a nervous disposition.

**RALPH B. RULE.** This individual is at present engaged in drawing worthless checks against a supposed account carried with the Riggs National Bank, Washington, D. C. In practically all of his transactions, not being supplied with checks issued by that bank, he has used other bank checks and by means of crossing out their title and inserting the name of the Riggs National Bank, has been successful in using the check in question and securing funds from local merchants. He has used the alias of Ralph B. Varney. The characteristics of his writing are so marked that we believe the activities of this man can be brought to a very sudden end by the readers of this Supplement.

*Cash*  
*Ralph B Rule*

**MAUD STERNBERG.** Information has come to us from Burlington, Ky., to the effect that an individual using this name and representing herself to be a field secretary of the Volunteers of America, is soliciting funds for that organization. After she has received two or three subscriptions of \$1.00 each, it is alleged that she immediately raises same for the purpose of endeavoring to have other subscribers contribute a like amount. She endeavored to secure a contribution from a member bank, but owing to her crude methods, the bank became suspicious and refused to advance any funds. Other member banks in the south should watch for this woman so that they do not become victimized by her fraudulent transactions.

**EUGENE W. TAYLOR,** defrauded a member bank at Stockton, Kan., by disposing of property on which they held a chattel mortgage. Our detective agents are at the present time endeavoring to locate Taylor, for whom a warrant is held in Stockton. Taylor is described as being about 28 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, 160 pounds, ruddy complexion, blue eyes, light hair; sneering expression.

## ARRESTED

### OKLAHOMA HOLDUP BAND ARRESTED

Dangerous bandits now behind the bars due to unusually clever work on the part of Secretary Gum and our detective agents' Oklahoma City representative.

On December 28, 1920, a member bank of Sperry, Okla., was held up, three men entering the bank while a fourth remained outside in a Ford touring car, and a considerable amount of their funds were secured. Our detective agents' Oklahoma City representative H. O. Brown immediately took up the investigation, being rendered valuable assistance by Secretary Gum of the Oklahoma Bankers Association and Chief Gustafson of Tulsa.

Representative Brown's investigation established the identity of the operators and on January 4, 1921, **ALBERT CHRISMAN** was located in Oklahoma City. With the co-operation of the local sheriff's office, the house this man was living in with a woman, was surrounded during the night. Brown and Deputy Sheriff Luther Bishop planned to sur-



FRANK STANLEY

round and raid the house and take the man and woman prisoners. The men stationed outside as guards were able to see Chrisman, when he was awakened by Brown and Bishop, strap two revolvers on himself and load a high-powered rifle, and it was remembered that Chrisman had stated that he would never be taken alive. Brown and Bishop were cautioned to take no chances and all the officers were instructed to shoot Chrisman if he showed fight. The men outside finally observed the woman, who later gave her name as MAMIE



EDDIE SOUQUETTE

**BRADLEY,** step to the side of Chrisman, place her arms around his neck and talk to him in a very low tone of voice. Chrisman then walked to the bed, placed his two revolvers and one box of cartridges under the mattress and sat down. The door was opened by the woman and Brown and Bishop entered, Chrisman and the woman being placed under arrest. A search of the room revealed four revolvers, one sawed-off shot gun and two high powered rifles.

The house in which Chrisman had been arrested was placed under surveillance by Brown and some of the sheriff's men.



ALBERT CHRISMAN

At about 10:00 A. M. on January 5, EDDY SOUQUETTE appeared in the vicinity and was placed under arrest.

On January 8, representative Brown located FRANK STANLEY, the alleged leader of the band, in Claremore, Okla., and placed him under arrest.

Stanley, Souquette and Chrisman, whose photographs are reproduced above, have been positively identified as the bandits who robbed the Sperry bank. The Bradley woman is being held as an associate.

Associated with the above-named individuals were Jerome Richardson and Earl Taylor who were also placed under arrest. These two individuals were identified as having been implicated in the holdup of a non-member bank in Dearing, Kan., and returned to that point for trial.

Frank Stanley is described as about 35 years of age, 5 feet 7½ inches, 130 pounds, florid complexion, blue eyes. Eddie Souquette's description follows: About 21 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, 135 pounds, medium build. A. B. Chrisman is described as follows: About 37 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches, 135 pounds, slender build, sallow complexion, blue eyes.

J. G. ABBOTT, alias J. G. Mason, who has operated on a very extensive scale since the early part of 1920, was arrested on December 8, at Fredonia, Kan. Our detective agents noticed an article concerning the arrest of a man by the name of Howell, and was convinced that he was J. G. Abbott. They looked into the matter and were successful in securing a positive identification and thereby cleared up eighteen cases wherein banks had been swindled by this operator. Abbott worked the old game of representing himself to be a prospective customer for a small farm. After riding around the vicinity for several days and being royally treated by the various farmers, he was successful in having one of these farmers introduce him at a member bank, with the result that the interested bank cashed one of Abbott's checks, which was subsequently returned as worthless. Abbott has been sentenced to serve five years in the Kansas State Penitentiary.

## CITY SAVINGS BANK HOLDUP

### Baltimore police made cleanup.

EDWARD BELL, HARRY DANIELS, FRANK C. ELLIS, CONRAD FISHER and ELLIS MILLER. At about 12:45 P. M. on December 2, 1920, six men drove up in front of a member bank at Baltimore, Md., in a large high powered touring car. Four of the men entered the bank with handkerchiefs around their mouths as masks. They were heavily armed and ordered the two employees then in the bank to hold up their hands. They tied these two gentlemen with a heavy rope and forced them into the vault, closing the outer door. The bank was ransacked and considerable funds obtained. When the bandits were heard to leave the bank, the employees left the vault and the police department was immediately notified. Subsequently our detective agents were also requested to make an investigation and cooperated with the Baltimore police who arrested Edward Bell, Harry Daniels, Frank C. Ellis, Conrad Fisher and Ellis Miller in Baltimore. Special presentments were returned by the Grand Jury against all five. They are now in the Baltimore City Jail awaiting trial.

N. B. BRACKENRIDGE. On December 22, 1920, while one of our detective agents' Des Moines representatives was in

Ottumwa, Iowa, his attention was called to the fact that an individual had put through a local hotel and bank for collection, a check drawn on a Paso Robles, Calif., bank. A telegram had been received from the California bank suggesting that the operator who had used the name of J. B. Walker be placed under arrest and our agents notified. Walker was placed under arrest by the local sheriff and he was identified by our agents as being N. B. Brackenridge, who defrauded the Paso Robles bank and for whom our agents had been searching some time. This operator also defrauded member banks at San Diego, Calif., Bowie, Ariz., Washington, D. C., and Cleveland, Ohio. According to our latest reports, this man is now awaiting trial on a local charge at Ottumwa. He is 55 to 60 years of age, 6 feet, 200 pounds, heavy build, sandy complexion, sandy gray hair, right eye crossed.

CLARENCE S. BRADFORD. During June, 1920, this individual caused a member bank of San Francisco, Calif., to sustain a loss on several worthless checks in small amounts. Our detective agents' San Francisco representatives conducted an investigation and effected the arrest of Bradford on June 8, 1920. On that charge he was placed on two years' probation. During November, 1920, Bradford again issued worthless checks. On November 19, 1920, he was apprehended by our agents at a local hotel. He was held awaiting trial and will doubtlessly be sent to the California State Penitentiary for violating his parole. This operator has used the aliases of Joe Lopa, C. Newcastle, Jack Lauve, Chas. B. King, Jack Goodman, James McHugh, Bill Brickley. He is described as follows: 28 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches, 130 pounds, stout build, light complexion, gray eyes, black hair.

RAY F. CLARK. During October, 1920, a member bank of San Francisco, Calif., suffered a loss through a forged indorsement and our detective agents were requested to take up the matter. Our agents became convinced that one Ray Clark was the guilty person and on November 20, 1920, he was located in Madera, Calif., by one of our agents' San Francisco representatives and placed under arrest. He has been returned to San Francisco for trial.

CHAS. G. CUNNINGHAM attempted to defraud a Los Angeles, Calif., member bank and a member bank at Boulder, Colo., by means of worthless drafts. He was successful in defrauding another member bank at Boulder. During October, 1920, Cunningham was arrested by the local authorities at Boulder and held awaiting trial.

H. R. DENNIS. By securing funds from a member bank at Stockton, Calif., through a check which was subsequently returned as worthless, Dennis caused the interested bank to sustain a small loss. This matter was referred to our detective agents and, working in conjunction with the California Bankers Association, who prorated the expenses of this case, a Los Angeles representative of our detective agents traced Dennis to Bakersfield, Calif., and at that point caused his arrest, cooperating with the local authorities. Dennis will be returned to Stockton for trial.

FRANCIS R. DENNISON was placed under arrest at Fullerton, Calif., on November 13, 1920, by the local authorities on information telephoned by our detective agents. He will be returned to Worcester, Mass., where he is wanted for having defrauded a member bank out of a considerable sum of money through worthless notes. Dennison was first reported to our detective agents by the Worcester bank on March 6, 1919. Our agents diligently searched for this man but were not successful in locating him at that time. During May, 1920, our



agents' Denver representatives were engaged by a private client to locate one Nathan E. Dexter. Shortly thereafter Dexter defrauded a member bank in Wichita Falls, Texas, through a worthless note. The fact was then established that Dexter was none other than Dennison and every effort was made to locate him. Finally information was secured that the operator was in Fullerton, Calif., and on November 8, he was located there by our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives. He was not placed under arrest at that time, nor were his suspicions aroused, as there was a question relative to extradition. On November 13, our agents were advised that Dennison would be returned to Worcester, Mass. They telephoned the marshal at Fullerton who had cooperated with our agents' representative on November 8, and Dennison was placed under arrest by him. The operator is described as being 42 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, 160 pounds, dark complexion, brown eyes, dark hair, graying; slightly deaf.

W. F. DRIGGERS. In February, 1918, it was reported to our detective agents that this individual had defrauded a member bank of Shaniko, Ore. An investigation was made at that time but no trace was found of Driggers. On December 2, 1920, the man was located in Kansas City, Mo., by one of our agents' ex-employees, who so advised our agents' Kansas City representatives. Driggers' home was then placed under surveillance and on the evening of December 2, he was arrested by the Kansas City police. He has been returned to Oregon for trial.

BENJAMIN A. FAUTH, alias John Hammel, was arrested on information furnished by, and with the assistance of our detective agents' at St. Louis, Mo., for a forgery committed against a St. Louis member bank. Fauth forged the endorsement on a check stolen from his former employer's check book, endorsed the check and had no difficulty in cashing it at the bank, where he was slightly known. Our detective agents took up the search for him. He was traced to New Albany, Ind., and back to St. Louis where he was apprehended. Fauth is described as follows: 22 years of age; 5 feet, 11 inches; 140 pounds; slender build; light complexion; light hair; pompadour style; smooth shaven; small notch scar on one eyelid next to nose; inclined to be bowlegged; good dresser, wears hat low over ears.

BENJAMIN FREEDMAN was arrested in New York City by the local authorities for having defrauded member banks at Malden and Worcester, Mass.

GEORGE FROST, alias George Miller, alias George Sanders and STANLEY CONWAY. On December 18, 1920, these two men were arrested in Pittsburgh, Pa., by the local police at the request of a member bank. The following morning our detective agents' Pittsburgh representatives were notified and it developed that in addition to defrauding the bank that had requested their arrest, they had defrauded another member bank in a large amount. Both were held awaiting trial, and on January 7, 1921, pleaded guilty, each being sentenced to serve eighteen months in the Allegheny County Workhouse.

### MILLTOWN BURGLARY

About midnight December 20, 1920, the vault of the First National Bank of Milltown, N. J., was entered and several thousand dollars worth of securities stolen. The burglars were interrupted while at work and two of them, FRANK VOORHEES and WALTER WATSON, were apprehended. Their two companions were successful in escaping. Within a

few hours after the arrest of Voorhees and Watson, they were sentenced to serve an indeterminate term of four years and eight months to seven years in the New Jersey State Penitentiary at Trenton, and were immediately taken to that point to start serving their time. Several days later their two companions were arrested in New York City by the local authorities and other interested parties. The men under arrest gave their names as HARRY L. BLITZBERGER and JEROME B. CHAFFEE. At the time of this arrest the authorities recovered some of the stolen securities and also held a receiver, but as this receiver had nothing to do with the actual burglary of the bank, we are not carrying him in our records. The two prisoners were confined at New York awaiting extradition, but before the necessary papers could arrive Blitzberger effected his escape. Several days later he was arrested at Providence, R. I., and returned to New York, and eventually he and Chaffee were taken to New Brunswick, N. J., where Blitzberger received a sentence of four years and eight months to seven years and Chaffee a sentence of three years and eight months to seven years.

WILLIAM NEWTON GIBSON defrauded a Los Angeles member bank by means of a check to which he had forged the signature of his father. Our detective agents were requested to locate him and on December 2, 1920, were successful in doing so. He was placed under arrest and held awaiting trial.

### VETERAN AVIATOR BROUGHT DOWN

Arrest of first forger using plane to make getaway.

JOSEPH H. GADBURY, an aviator and veteran of the World War, having established himself in the community of Britt, Iowa, and promising the farmers of that community to build an aeroplane factory, obtained approximately \$15,000. About December 1, he defrauded a member bank of Kingsley, Iowa, by means of a worthless check. He then made his escape in a Lincoln Standard 'Plane. Our detective agents' Des Moines and Minneapolis representatives, worked on the matter and traced him to Cassleton, N. Dak. The criminal having the advantage of speed escaped and flew into Canada. His arrest was caused there by our Minneapolis representatives. He has been returned to Britt, where he is awaiting trial at this time.

R. G. HACK caused member banks in Missouri and Oklahoma to suffer losses by means of worthless checks. The case was reported to our detective agents, and it was ascertained that the operator had gone to Oklahoma City. The matter was referred to our agents' Oklahoma City representative and on December 13, 1920, Hack was arrested by the Oklahoma City police, who were cooperating with our agents' representative. In his operations Hack used the names of Robert A. LaRue, John A. Penninger, Russell J. Myers, etc.

DAVID HAIMSON. In several past issues of the JOURNAL Supplement, we published warning articles concerning the activities of this individual. On two occasions we have located and effected the arrest of Haimson for defrauding member banks. In the first instance Haimson was released on bail, which he immediately forfeited. In the second instance, due to the fact that it would be impossible to extradite him, it was again necessary to release him. On the last occasion our agents had better success and after his arrest by the police of New York City on a local charge, they succeeded in having lodged against him a detainer warrant, so that he could be

returned to Nassau, N. H., at which point he was wanted for defrauding a local bank. Haimson was given a thirty-day sentence in the workhouse on a local charge and previous to the writing of this article, was taken to Nassau, where he is now awaiting trial on the local bank charge. The interested authorities have been told of his numerous activities and at the time of his trial, the fact that he defrauded a member bank of Bridgeport, Conn., will be taken into consideration.

EDWARD HARRIS and JOE WALL. During the night of November 13, 1920, a member bank at St. George, Utah, was burglarized. Our detective agents' Salt Lake City representatives were notified and an investigator was dispatched immediately to take up this investigation, but while he was en route to St. George, Edward Harris and Joe Wall were placed under arrest by the sheriff at Modena, Utah. Both were convicted and are serving sentences in the Utah State Penitentiary.

HOWARD V. HARRIS, alias Verne Harris, alias D. M. Harris. An individual using the above names defrauded a member bank of Des Moines, Iowa, by means of a worthless check. Our detective agents' Des Moines representatives were notified on December 31, 1920, and on January 4, 1921, caused the arrest of a traveling salesman named Harris at Waterloo, Iowa. He confessed and was returned to Des Moines, where he is at this time awaiting the action of the Grand Jury. He is described as follows: 25 years of age, 5 feet 9 3/4 inches, 128 pounds, slim build, blue eyes, medium fair complexion, light hair.

EDWARD G. HERR. A member bank of Baltimore, Md., reported that they had been defrauded by means of a worthless check drawn on another Baltimore bank. It was ascertained that the operator had left Baltimore in the company of a young girl. He was not heard from until August 31, 1920, when he was placed under arrest in Washington, D. C., by the local authorities. The passing of the worthless check on a Washington hotel resulted in his arrest there. During November he was returned to Baltimore, but he was discharged, due to insufficient evidence.

FRITZ HUBER recently reached Portland, Ore., from some point in Switzerland. He forged the signature of one of his countrymen, who was well known in the vicinity, and was successful in securing funds from a local bank. Our detective agents working for this and the Oregon Bankers Association were notified and in a very few hours located Huber and caused his arrest.

ALBERT R. JONES, alias Al R. Jones, was arrested by members of the Spokane police department on information furnished by the Spokane representatives of our detective agents. Jones has been bound over to the Superior Court on a charge of forging and cashing about twenty checks which were cashed on merchants in that city. Jones maintained an insurance office in one of the large office buildings and is believed to have lived in Des Moines, Iowa, before coming West. Nothing is known of his past career.

H. M. JONES, alias H. L. Spangler. After operating on a very extensive scale in the south, by means of bogus drafts, purporting to have been issued by the Fisheries Products Co. of New York, Jones was arrested at Georgetown, S. C., by the local authorities, when one of the banks became suspicious of his activities. As they were of the opinion that they had a very dangerous man who was badly wanted, the Atlanta representative of our detective agents was notified and an investigation was taken up to determine his true identity. Upon a search of his effects it was found that he was wanted

at several points, and steps have been taken to see that he is held for all the interested authorities. Spangler is described as being 25 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 150 pounds, stocky build, brown eyes, light hair.

S. S. KLEIN, who has been operating off and on for several years with bogus and forged checks, was recently arrested at Camden, N. J., by the local authorities and other interested parties. Klein has been taken to Jackson, Miss., where he will be tried for a crime committed there. Klein has used the alias of Dr. W. S. Stone and was successful in defrauding several members of this association.

ALBERT LINDGREN, who defrauded a member bank at Spokane, Wash., by means of a raised check, was located at Salem, Ore., where he is serving a term in the Oregon State Penitentiary for issuing bogus checks at Pendleton, Ore. The Spokane representatives of our detective agents have arranged to have him brought to Spokane for trial at the expiration of his present sentence. The Washington Bankers Association cooperated in this case.

WALTER J. LINN defrauded a member bank in Coweta, Okla., recently by disposing of property on which the bank held a chattel mortgage. The matter was turned over to our detective agents' Oklahoma City representative and on December 13, 1920, Linn was located and arrested by our detective agents and local authorities at Smithville, Ind. He is described as being about 23 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, 160 pounds, medium build, brown eyes and hair; coarse features.

A. M. LYDON, who several months ago defrauded a member bank at Spokane, Wash., was located at Yakima, Wash., by a Spokane representative of our detective agents and the county sheriff. Lydon entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to six months in the county jail. This sentence was immediately suspended.

JIM MANUEL, alias Henry Hubbard, alias Will Jones, alias D. H. Hays, colored, whose picture appeared in the January JOURNAL Supplement, was arrested in Kansas City, Mo., by our detective agents, assisted by the local police. He has been returned to St. Joseph, Mo., for prosecution and is at the present time being held awaiting trial.

JAMES E. MARLOWE, alias George D. Southern, alias James E. McCann, alias Robert E. Stone, alias Robert D. Anderson, alias James A. Seely, made his appearance in Kansas City about December 12, 1920, and opened accounts with checks purporting to have been issued by the Colorado & Northern Fuel Company of Denver, Colo. Marlowe then proceeded to buy jewelry and other merchandise at the local stores with checks drawn on his newly opened accounts. Three checks were paid before it was learned that the checks with which he opened his accounts were bogus. Our Kansas City detective agents were called into the case and traced Marlowe to Ft. Worth, Dallas and Houston, Tex., where, on December 31, 1920, he was arrested by our detective agents assisted by the local police. A local officer from Kansas City was sent to Houston to return this criminal for prosecution and on the return trip, Marlowe jumped from the train and endeavored to make his escape, but was recaptured, and is now awaiting trial in Kansas City. Marlowe is described as being about 20 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds, sallow complexion, dark eyes, black hair.

J. R. MEEKS. Having defrauded a member bank of New Smyrna, Fla., by means of a small forgery, Meeks left the vicinity. Our detective agents were notified and investigated. After working several days they found that Meeks had been arrested at Senatobia, Miss., on a similar charge and that he

was serving a sentence of eighteen months at that point. Due to the small amount involved in the Florida forgery, it would be impossible to extradite this individual. We are, therefore, considering this as a conviction and are removing Meeks from our awaiting trial list.

**HARRY C. MENEFFEE.** A member bank at Covington, Ky., sustained a loss of considerable size through paying a check to Menefee, which was subsequently returned by their depositor as bearing his forged signature. While our detective agents were engaged upon the investigation, Menefee was arrested at Cincinnati, Ohio, by the local police. Following his arrest, Menefee's relatives came to his aid and reimbursed the bank for the amount involved, with the result that Menefee was granted his liberty.

**RAYMOND D. MERRITT,** who defrauded a member bank of Topeka, Kans., by means of a worthless check, was recently arrested at that point by the local authorities and will be tried there.

**THOMAS H. MORGAN,** alias Thos. H. Cellum, was successful in defrauding a member bank at Wichita Falls, Tex., during November, 1919, by means of worthless checks. On November 6, 1920, he was arrested by the local authorities and other interested parties on information sent by our detective agents. He was held awaiting extradition to Wichita Falls, Tex.

**ROBERT MOWAT.** Articles relative to this individual appeared in the following JOURNAL Supplements: December, 1912, January, 1913, February, 1914, and March, 1914. This man was apprehended by our detective agents' Detroit representatives in December, 1912, but he was successful in effecting restitution and was released from custody. In 1914 he passed a few bogus checks in small amounts, after which he was not heard from until December 15, 1920, when it was reported to our detective agents' San Francisco representatives that a bank at Burlingame, Calif., had been defrauded by one R. Mowat through worthless checks. It was ascertained that this R. Mowat was the man who had operated in 1912 and 1914. Our agents' San Francisco, Cleveland and New York representatives were engaged on this case and he was located in New York City. Mowat having been indicted in California and the New York police department having been requested to arrest him, on December 23, 1920, he was placed under arrest by the New York police cooperating with our agents. He has been returned to California for trial. Mowat is 51 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 130 to 140 pounds, light complexion, light hair.

**HENRY NELSON and HENRY WILMA.** Early in November, 1920, several forged checks were passed in Portland. A member bank in St. Helens, Ore., on which these checks were drawn, sustained a loss and the matter was reported to our detective agents, who conducted an investigation in behalf of the bank's membership in the Oregon Bankers Association and this Association. On December 13, 1920, agents of the U. S. Secret Service raided a house in Seattle, Wash., and found a complete counterfeiting outfit. Henry Nelson and Henry Wilma were placed under arrest and it is alleged that these are the two who defrauded the St. Helens bank. Several checks of the same description as those used were found in the possession of these men when they were arrested.

**JOHN W. NEELY, JR.,** alias J. W. Neely, Jr., alias Jack Neely, alias J. W. Hirst, was arrested in Chicago, Ill., by the local police on December 9, 1920, and returned to St. Louis, Mo., where he was wanted by a member bank. Neely opened an account at the bank in St. Louis on November 1, and four

days later deposited a forged check in a large amount on a member bank at Alton, Ill., which he claimed was part of an estate he inherited. He secured a large amount of bonds. Two days later he approached a different teller and drew considerable cash. Investigation uncovered the fact that Neely had married the daughter of a well-to-do St. Louisan but a few months previous, although he then had several wives in other parts of the country. When arrested in Chicago he was endeavoring to spend the funds he had obtained, entertaining a woman, representing himself to be Leo Pershing, nephew of Gen. Pershing. Neely was returned to St. Louis and on December 29, pleaded guilty, being sentenced to serve ten years in the Missouri State Penitentiary. Articles relative to Neely's previous record will be found in the September and November 1914 JOURNAL Supplements. His description follows: 35 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 135 to 140 pounds, brown eyes, dark brown hair; smooth cut scar about an inch long on right side of chin.

**S. R. PALMORE,** who defrauded a member bank of Fort Valley, Ga., by means of a forged indorsement, was located and his arrest effected through the efforts of our detective agents' Atlanta representatives. Following Palmore's arrest and while awaiting trial he was successful in effecting his escape and is now classed as a fugitive from justice.

**NARCISO PARZEPETINTO.** During December, 1920, a member bank in New York City was victimized through several forged checks in small amounts, which had been cashed over their counter. Our local detective agents were requested to investigate and ascertained the identity of the operator. On December 8, 1920, Narciso Parzepetinto was located by our detective agents in New York City and placed under arrest. He is at the present time awaiting trial.

**HERSHALL POTTER,** alias Homer Potter, alias Homer Patterson, alias Homer Porter, mentioned in the JOURNAL Supplement for the month of July, 1920, was arrested at Olathe, Kans., by a representative of our Kansas City detective agents, assisted by the sheriff at that place on January 14, 1921. He is being returned to Manhattan, Kans., for prosecution.

**STORAN ROUCHINOFF.** A member bank in Battle Creek, Mich., was victimized by means of a forged withdrawal order. On November 26, 1920, Storan Rouchinoff was placed under arrest by the local authorities and held awaiting trial.

**J. E. RUTTER.** On November 5, 1920, this individual defrauded a member bank of Bluejacket, Okla., by means of a worthless check, drawn on a Bailyville, Kans., bank. Our detective agents' Kansas City representatives conducted an investigation and learned that Rutter was at a hotel in Denver, Colo. This information was immediately wired to our detective agents' Denver representatives, who investigated and located the operator. He was placed under arrest by the local authorities and held awaiting extradition to Oklahoma. Later restitution was made and the case against Rutter was dropped.

**A. J. SAINDON.** During October, 1920, a member bank of Raymond, Wash., reported to our detective agents' Seattle representatives that they had been defrauded by A. J. Saindon in a small amount through a forged indorsement. An investigation was made in behalf of the bank's membership in the Washington Bankers Association and this Association. On October 30, 1920, our agents located the operator in Chehalis, Wash., and he was placed under arrest by the local authorities. Subsequently Saindon effected restitution and was released.

**MAINARD SEWARD.** This individual succeeded in de-



frauding a member bank of Kingsley, Iowa, by means of a forgery. Our detective agents' Des Moines representatives investigated and after several days' effort Seward was located and placed under arrest in Sioux Falls, Iowa, by the local authorities cooperating with our detective agents. A written confession was secured from the operator and it is alleged that he will plead guilty. According to our latest records, he is now awaiting trial.

ELMER DAVID SIMCOX, alias George Wilcox, alias Frank White, alias Thomas Evers, alias Homer Stetson, alias Robert York, alias George Johnson, alias Clyde Wilson, alias Alvin Nelson, was arrested by our detective agents' Kansas City representatives and the local police department on December 11, 1920, after he had defrauded two member banks at that place by kiting checks. Simcox opened accounts at nine different banks in Kansas City on November 17 with small cash deposits, using the different aliases mentioned above and bogus addresses. He established himself pretty well with the banks in question, and on Saturday morning, December 11, started out to secure all the money he could. On arriving at the Commonwealth National Bank, he presented a check for \$300, drawn on another member bank in Kansas City, but his actions caused suspicion. Our detective agents were notified and took Simcox in charge, after which his other operations in Kansas City were discovered. Simcox was successful in effecting restitution and was released. He is described as being about 25 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches, 155 pounds; well built, fair complexion, black eyes, black hair, smooth shaven; very neat appearance.

GEORGE SMITH. A member bank of Vancouver, Wash., reported to our detective agents' Portland representatives the fact that they sustained a loss through paying a draft to Smith that was eventually returned unhonored. Before this letter was received their sheriff caused Smith's arrest and he is being held awaiting trial.

CHARLES STAMM, alias Arcene Bousquit, alias Charles Stayman. After a checkered career issuing bogus checks, having been successful in defrauding several member banks, Stamm was captured through the efforts of Constable Stephen Quill of North Brookfield, Mass. Constable Quill, in his investigation on behalf of a member bank of his city, traced Stamm to Oswatome, Kan., and following his arrest was successful in extraditing him to Worcester, Mass., where he is awaiting trial.

J. C. STUART, alias T. W. Cummings, has been arrested by the sheriff of Wellington, Kans., charged with having defrauded a member bank of Augusta, Kans., by means of a forged check. Stuart, alias Cummings, was taken to Wichita, Kans., where he is being held awaiting trial.

CHARLES H. TAYLOR, alias William Sims, etc. Having defrauded a member bank of Keokuk, Iowa, by means of several worthless checks purporting to have been issued by Seymour & Bassett, a non-existing concern. Taylor, under his various aliases tried his luck with more or less success in several cities of Illinois and Iowa and then proceeded to Los Angeles. At this point he endeavored to bolster up his diminishing bank roll and was apprehended by a representative of

our detective agents. Taylor has been returned to Keokuk for trial. During his many transactions he used the following aliases: Alexander C. Janis, alias Charles Weaver, alias J. P. Mulkin, alias William Russell, alias L. Miller, alias George T. Thompson, alias Charles Alexander, alias Robert C. Fowler, alias Victor E. Dalton, alias Thomas H. Allen. At his trial Taylor pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the Iowa State Reformatory at Anamosa for a term of five years.

W. B. TRENNER, alias W. B. Trenton, alias R. V. Roberts, alias B. H. Obley, defrauded two member banks in Kansas City, Mo., by means of forged checks purporting to have been drawn on the Wolff Packing Company of Topeka, Kans. Trenner was employed for a short time by this company and stole several blank checks from them, to which he forged the name of an official and negotiated the checks in Kansas City. The matter was turned over to our detective agents' Kansas City representatives and they traced Trenner from Kansas City to San Francisco and back to Kansas City, where, on December 13, 1920, he was arrested. Trenner is described as being about 25 years of age, 6 feet 2 inches, 150 pounds, slender build, dark complexion, dark hair; very neat dresser.

ALFRED G. TUCKERMAN, alias Duncan Duncombe. The local authorities of Ogden, Utah, have arrested Tuckerman on a local charge. This individual is wanted for defrauding a member bank of Boston, Mass.

H. B. WALLACE, alias James L. Wilson. A member bank at Littleton, N. C., was defrauded by means of a bogus check and our detective agents were requested to find H. B. Wallace. On November 10, 1920, Wallace was located in Little Rock, Ark., by one of our detective agents' Memphis representatives. He was then placed under arrest and held awaiting extradition to North Carolina.

S. J. WARREN, alias Sherman J. Warren, succeeded in defrauding a member bank at Spokane, Wash., by means of a forged check drawn on a member bank at Lewiston, Idaho. The matter was reported to the Spokane representatives of our detective agents, who, after making a thorough investigation in Spokane and Lewiston, referred the matter to the Kansas City representatives of our detective agents, with the result that Warren was arrested at El Dorado, Kans., by their representative and the local sheriff. He will be returned to Spokane for trial and prosecution. The Washington Bankers Association prorated the expense of this investigation. He is described as follows: 55 years of age; 5 feet 8 inches, 200 pounds; broad red face, blue eyes, prominent nose; dissipated looking, puffy under eyes.

FREDERICH J. WINKASKI, alias Frederick J. Shaffer, alias Frank Snyder, was successful in causing a member bank of Ellwood City to sustain the loss of a small amount by securing funds on a check which was subsequently returned bearing a forged endorsement. Our detective agents' Pittsburgh representatives made a short investigation and found that this man had been arrested under the name of Frank Snyder and was being held in the Allegheny County Jail on a similar charge. Arrangements are being made to lodge detainer warrants with the interested authorities so that he may be returned for trial.



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## FEBRUARY PROTECTIVE WORK

### WARNING!

#### TELEPHONE SWINDLER STILL WORKING

Charles B. Cole, bank swindler, has narrow escape

From time to time articles have been published in this supplement warning of the activities of a swindler who has been successful in defrauding banks by a clever scheme. It has been explained thoroughly just how this man operates. The warnings have apparently been unheeded as the operator has continued his fraudulent transactions. Recently he operated in Iowa and from that point proceeded to Atlanta, Ga.

In Atlanta he was actually under arrest, having been recognized by a local member bank. The next day, while in conversation with his attorney, he escaped and is now a fugitive from justice.

This man's method is to call at a bank, open an account and make an initial deposit of about \$4,500 or \$4,800, at which time he remarks casually that he is a stranger in the city and is negotiating for the purchase of a local business. The account becomes fairly active. Finally, Cole appears at the bank at the noon hour, rushes the line and presents a check in the amount of about \$4,500. The teller verifies the fact that the account will stand the amount the check calls for and pays it, but is too busy to notify the bookkeeping department of this large withdrawal. The operator personally, or through the aid of an accomplice, immediately telephones this teller and informs him that some near relative has been injured in an automobile accident and asks him to rush to a certain hospital. Naturally the paying teller is alarmed and rushes from the bank without notifying any of the officials that he is leaving. As soon as the paying teller leaves his cage, the operator rushes to the next line and presents another check for \$4,500. As the first withdrawal order has not been placed against the account, he is successful in securing this amount the second time.

Cole is a dangerous man and the officials who have charge of opening accounts should watch all new accounts carefully. For convenience a specimen of Cole's handwriting is repro-

*Chas B Henton*  
*Five thousand*  
*Forty eight hundred*  
*Geo F Boyd*

duced herewith. Cole is described as 30 years of age, 5' feet 7 or 8 inches, 130 to 135 pounds; smooth shaven.

EARL ANDERSON, alias M. E. Williams, has operated successfully at Cairo, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo., with checks bearing a crude stamp reading "Good when properly endorsed," and date and signature of some bank and paying teller. One of his checks was drawn on a Marianna, Ark., bank and the other on a Memphis, Tenn., bank. Herewith is a specimen of the operator's handwriting. He is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, slender build; wore shell rim glasses.

*Earl Anderson*  
*Fifty \$100.00*

C. C. CLARK, alias F. W. Hawkins. Under the name of C. C. Clark, this individual was able to secure from a member bank of this Association and the California Bankers Association located at Richmond, Calif., a small sum of money by means of a bogus check drawn on the Oakland Branch of the Bank of Italy. In one of his transactions against another bank of the same city he used the name of F. W. Hawkins, and also S. M. Johnson. He is described as being 25 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 150 pounds, medium build, fair complexion, smooth shaven.

*C. C. Clark.*

#### BOGUS PHYSICIAN

JAMES W. DREW, alias H. H. Hadley, alias C. B. Comstock (colored), is drawing checks against an alleged account with the National Bank of Commerce, Kansas City, Mo. He represents himself as a physician and surgeon and is usually successful in securing funds from banks by forging the indorsement of one of their customers. This dangerous swindler is described as 38 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches, 165 pounds, medium build, brown complexion, smooth talker; usually wears Prince Albert coat and high collar, soft hat. The California Bankers Association is prorating the expense of the investigation.

GEORGE E. FOLEY. A member bank of Kansas City, Mo., has sustained a loss through cashing a check bearing the forged signature of Geo E. Foley, their customer. As the

signature of this customer was very good, the bank did not hesitate to honor same. The operator in question who used Foley's name is about 45 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, 160 to 165 pounds, red face, dark hair, smooth shaven. He is supposed to be a check protector salesman.

*Geo E. Foley*

ALLEN HAYS is wanted by a member bank in Topeka, Kan., for disposing of property on which the bank held chattel mortgage. Hays disappeared without making an accounting. A warrant has been issued and is held by the sheriff at Topeka. Hays is about 30 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, light complexion; sharp features; left handed; draws his mouth to one side in a peculiar manner when talking.



ALLEN HAYS

HAROLD HUNTER, alias George Walsh. A member bank of San Francisco, Calif., has sustained a loss through an individual using the aforesaid names. He was able to secure funds from the interested bank by means of a forged indorsement. The checks used were secured from a local printing establishment. These checks are countersigned E. Kauffman and S. S. Kauffman, as being officials of the firm upon which he is drawing his checks. The operator is described as 27 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 157 pounds, blue eyes, dark brown hair. The California Bankers Association is prorating in the expense of the investigation being made by our detective agents.

DR. A. HAMLIN SEYMOUR, who advertises himself as a "Psycho-thoughtologist," has been operating in Kansas with forged checks. With him is a man using the name of GEORGE FERDITZ, alias George Fritz. Their plan is to advertise extensively in local papers to heal all ailments by the laying on of the hands, etc. While in Neodesha, Kan., it is alleged they forged the name of a depositor of a member bank to two checks, being successful in securing cash on one. They also operated in Coffeyville, Independence, Cherryvale and Parsons, Kan. Dr. Seymour is described as about 40 or 45 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches, 190 to 200 pounds, large blue eyes, brown hair, thin on top, gray over ears; Charlie Chaplin mustache. Ferditz is about 35 years of age, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches, 165 pounds, gray eyes, wavy brown hair, smooth

shaven, very large mouth; claims to be an Armenian by birth; talks with an accent.

L. E. STEWART, alias L. E. Stuart, defrauded a member bank of Rock Springs, Wyo., by means of a worthless draft on the Bank of Needles, Needles, Calif. Since his disappearance from Rock Springs, one of the banks at that point has been receiving numerous checks from the Western States drawn upon them, payable to L. E. Stewart. This man is described as 30 years of age, 6 feet, 190 pounds, light complexion, blue eyes; appearance of common laborer.

*L. E. Stuart*

J. L. WEEKS. A man representing himself as J. L. Weeks, called upon a member bank of Beaufort, N. C., and asked them to honor his draft on a nearby lumber concern. He stated that his draft had been indorsed by the foreman of this company. The first bank he called upon declined to honor his paper. He then called at another bank and was successful in securing funds on the check. Later on he closed his account with the first bank and of late they have been receiving checks from the states of Georgia and South Carolina, signed by J. L. Weeks, which are being returned as worthless. The bank failed to supply us with a description of the operator.

*J L weeks*

W. T. WHALEY secured from a bank at Dover, N. C., a cashier's check against the National Bank of Commerce, Norfolk, Va., for \$3,650, payable to himself. As this check was secured through fraud, payment has been stopped on same. Should this check be presented for payment the interested bank should be notified at once.

OSCAR WINN, alias Williams, defrauded a member bank at Hannibal, Mo., in January, 1921, on a bogus check which he had deposited. After leaving Hannibal, the next heard of him was from Toronto, Ont., where he called on the American consul, exhibited his bank book showing a deposit of \$1,350. He said he had wired the bank at Hannibal for \$1,000, but was out of funds and asked for a loan until his money came from Hannibal. Owing to the great distance, the bank at Hannibal decided not to stand the expense of returning Winn, if located, so investigation was dropped. After his success, it is probable Winn will lose no time in repeating this operation, therefore all banks should watch for him. He is described as follows: about 45 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, about 190 pounds, light complexion, dark brown hair, slightly bald on top; wart on each eyelid, also one on left ear; tooth out on left side, only noticeable when laughing; wore dark brown suit, overcoat of same color with belt all around, light cap, brown shoes, white socks.

## GENERAL

### TELEPHONE DIRECTORY SWINDLE

Information has been received by this department that banks in New England are being called upon by an individual



who represents himself as a representative of the Novelty Advertising Co. of No. 103 W. 64th St., N. Y. City. This operator exhibits samples of a telephone directory alleged to have been published in other communities with bank advertisements on the front page and the advertisements of local merchants on the inside, and among these advertisements are interspersed the addresses and telephone numbers of such firms or individuals as a telephone subscriber needs for ready reference. The purpose of calling upon the bank is to secure the authority to use their name in the community and also to solicit the aid of the bank in distributing the telephone directories. After securing the promise of the interested bank to aid him in his campaign, the solicitor canvasses the vicinity and secures contracts for advertising, payment being made in advance. None of the subscribers to this directory have ever received a return on the money spent, nor are they able to find that the directory containing their name has ever been published. Our detective agents have looked up this firm and find that it is no longer located at the address supplied and that the postal authorities have not been supplied with a forwarding address.

### LOST LIBERTY BONDS

In the January issue of the JOURNAL Supplement, an article was published relative to the loss of several Fourth Liberty loan  $4\frac{1}{4}$  Liberty bonds due 1938. We quoted the numbers 72509 to 72517 inclusive as having been lost. Since the publication of this article, advice has been received that these numbers are incorrect and should have been listed as: Nos. 74509 to 74517 inclusive.

### CORRECTION!!!

JOHN MALLOY. On September 16, 1920, the Peoples Bank of Unity, Unity Station, Pa., was held up by a man who took one of the officials by surprise. As he was leaving the bank an official opened fire on the bandit and seriously wounded him. He took refuge in a nearby farmhouse, but was recognized by the farmer as the man for whom a general alarm had just been sent out. He turned Malloy over to the police at New Kensington, Pa., who in turn surrendered him to the interested authorities. The bank is to be congratulated upon the wide awake tactics of its cashier. Malloy, following his arrest, was sentenced to an indeterminate term of from three to seven years in the Western Penitentiary of Pennsylvania and at this time is serving his sentence.

### ARRESTED

#### CULVER, INDIANA, HOLDUP FRUSTRATED

Three men captured as they left bank; one captured later; fifth still at large

On December 29, 1920, five bandits drove into Culver, Ind., in a large automobile, leaving another car out in the country about five miles. One remained in the car and one remained on guard outside, while the other three entered the Exchange State Bank. They ordered those in the bank to hold up their hands and while two of them kept the employees covered the

third gathered all the money in sight. While the holdup was taking place, someone sounded an alarm and citizens fired into the bank and at the bandit standing guard. The latter succeeded in reaching the automobile and escaped. The other three were trapped in the bank. They surrendered themselves and were held by the local authorities. They gave their names as PETER J. FOX, ART SILBER and J. R. BURNS. All funds were recovered.

It was ascertained that the other two members of the band were Joseph Byers and Earl Wilt. Later the same day, JOSEPH BYERS was placed under arrest in Knox, Ind., by the local authorities. Earl Wilt has, up to this writing, eluded the authorities. Fox, Silber, Burns and Byers are at the present time awaiting trial.

ANTHONY W. AUB. During March, 1919, a member bank of Mineola, N. Y., reported being defrauded on a worthless check by one Anthony W. Aub. Our detective agents effected his arrest in New York on April 8, 1919, but he made restitution. We next heard of Aub in January, 1921, when it was reported that he had defrauded a member bank of Oakland, Calif., by means of a worthless check. On January 15, he was located in Chicago, Ill., by our detective agents and placed under arrest by the local authorities. At the time of his arrest he swallowed five tablets of bichloride of potassium and though he was rushed to a hospital and the stomach pump used, he died on January 25 as a result of the poison. The California Bankers Association prorated with this Association the cost of this investigation.



S. E. BARTON

S. E. BARTON. An article relative to this individual's arrest was published in the November, 1920, JOURNAL Supplement. During December, 1920, he escaped from jail at Cedartown, Ga., and resumed operations. On January 31, 1921, he was arrested at Macon, Ga., by the local authorities on information received from our representative at Atlanta. He is being held on a local charge at Macon.

J. W. BAYNES (negro). After being introduced at a Macon, Ga., member bank by a local negro, Baynes succeeded in securing cash on a forged check. Our detective agents were requested to investigate the matter and ascertained that Baynes had been placed under arrest at Washington, D. C., by the local authorities and was being held at that point. Arrangements were made to have a detainer warrant lodged by the Macon authorities.

V. R. BEELER, alias Clifford Brown. A member bank of San Francisco, Calif., was defrauded on a check which bore



the forged signature of a depositor and our detective agents took up an investigation in behalf of the bank's membership in the California Bankers Association and this Association. Our agents' Vancouver representatives secured information to the effect that the operator was in Los Angeles, therefore our agents' Los Angeles representatives investigated and on February 4, 1921, were successful in locating V. R. Beeler and causing his arrest. He has been returned to San Francisco and is now awaiting trial.

E. L. BEVERIDGE, alias E. Haggerty, alias A. H. Lake and DOLLY HAGGERTY. On November 6 and 8, 1920, a young girl succeeded in having a member bank of Chicago, Ill., cash checks which bore the forged signature of a depositor. It was not discovered until later that the checks were forgeries and on December 20 our detective agents were requested to investigate. Their investigation led them to suspect a young lady of slight build of having cashed the checks and of having acted in cooperation with a man. The girl suspected was positively identified by the paying teller of the bank and the matter was laid before the city attorney who instructed that warrants be issued for these two individuals. E. L. Beveridge and Dolly Haggerty were located by our detective agents and placed under arrest by the local authorities.

ALFRED W. BIRDSALL victimized a member bank of Long Beach, Calif., by means of a forged indorsement and during December, 1920, was placed under arrest by the local authorities at Los Angeles on another charge. The California Bankers Association prorated the cost of the investigation.

MORRIS S. BRAUN, alias Louis A. Miller. During 1919, this individual caused a member bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., to sustain a loss of considerable size on various checks to which he had forged the signature of a depositor. On or about December 23, 1920, Braun, under the name of George Martin was arrested at Johnstown, Pa., by the local authorities on a burglary charge. He has been sentenced to serve an indeterminate term in the Huntington, Pa., Reformatory. Inasmuch as it will be some time before this man could be tried on a bank charge, we are removing his name from the awaiting trial list and regarding this as a conviction.

CARL V. BRICKER. During January, 1918, this individual defrauded a member bank of Spokane, Wash., by means of forged checks. During May, 1920, he attempted to defraud a member bank of San Francisco, Calif., and was placed under arrest by our detective agents cooperating with the local authorities. His father made restitution and Bricker was released. During December, 1920, he defrauded a member bank of Bishop, Calif., by means of a worthless check. On December 30, 1920, he was arrested in Kingman, Ariz., by the local authorities. He will be tried in Indiana on a Federal charge, it being alleged that he stole some United States money orders.

TONY CITTADINO, alias Peter Capadona. On January 21, 1921, our detective agents' New Orleans representatives were notified of an attempt to defraud a local member bank. One of our agents immediately proceeded to the bank, where he found an individual claiming to be Peter Capadona, endeavoring to secure funds on a forged check. The man admitted that his right name was Tony Cittadino, and that he had forged the check in question. He was turned over to the local authorities and held awaiting trial.

CHARLES B. COLE. As related elsewhere in this issue, this man, who has operated extensively against banks, was arrested in Atlanta, Ga., on February 5, 1921, by the local

authorities and other interested parties. On February 6, he effected his escape.

L. CRAIG, alias Cramer, attempted to defraud a member bank of Webb City, Mo., on two forged checks. On January 25, 1921, he was arrested at the interested bank by the local authorities and held awaiting trial.

LAWRENCE F. CRAMBLET. During January, 1920, a member bank of New York, N. Y., reported having sustained a loss on a worthless check cashed by this individual. Our local detective agents located the operator but restitution was made. We next heard of Cramblet on December 31, 1920, when it was reported that he had victimized a Los Angeles, Calif., member bank by means of a worthless check. On January 15, 1921, Cramblet was located by a representative of our Los Angeles detective agents and placed under arrest. At present he is awaiting trial.

J. C. DAVIS, JR. During October, 1920, this individual defrauded a member bank of Dallas, Texas, by means of a worthless check. Later he also defrauded member banks in Fulton, Ky., and Burkburnette, Texas. Shortly after defrauding the Burkburnette bank, he was arrested in Wichita Falls, Texas, by the local authorities. At the present time he is awaiting trial at that point.

M. J. ELLIOTT, alias B. A. Thaxter, alias A. B. Reynolds. This man victimized a member bank of Portland, Ore., by means of a worthless check. Our agents were requested to locate him and on December 30, 1920, effected his arrest in Portland. On February 3, 1921, Elliott was sentenced to serve one year then released on probation.

HERMAN FEINGOLD. During January, 1921, a member bank in Chicago, Ill., was victimized on two checks bearing the forged signatures of a depositor. While our detective agents were investigating this case, a similar check was presented at the bank and the presenter held. After a questioning by our agents' representative, he admitted having cashed the two checks in question, but denied writing them and involved two others. He was placed under arrest and at the present time is awaiting trial.

RAYMOND FOX. This individual attempted to defraud a member bank of New Orleans, La., by means of a forged check and was arrested by the local authorities.

C. A. GARDINER was successful in victimizing a member bank of New Castle, Pa., on June 1, 1920, by drawing a considerable amount against an uncollected item. Our detective agents investigated at various cities throughout the United States, and on January 13, 1921, located him at Rosamund, Calif., where he was placed under arrest and held awaiting extradition to Pennsylvania.

BETISTE GRANO. An individual claiming to be Betiste Grano, defrauded a member bank of Laurel, Mont., by forging the indorsement to a United States pay check. This department was notified and requested to make an investigation. Before our detective agents' Spokane representatives were notified to proceed to Laurel, Mont., however, the interested bank advised that the operator had been arrested by the local authorities and turned over to the Federal authorities. He is being held awaiting trial on a Federal charge.

J. H. GRUBB defrauded a member bank of Sutherlin, Ore., by withdrawing funds which had erroneously been placed to his credit. Our detective agents investigated the matter and located Grubb in Oakland, Calif., where he was placed under arrest. He was returned to Oregon but made restitution and was released from custody.

**WM. J. HART.** This man was an employee of a New York, N. Y., firm and one of his duties was the cashing of firm checks for the payrolls and he was, of course, known at the bank handling his employers' account. Recently he was discharged from this firm and on the same day called at the bank with a good-sized check which the bank cashed. A few hours after honoring this check, the bank received a visit from the depositor. The bank mentioned having cashed a check for Hart and was advised that Hart was no longer in the employ of the firm, and that the check was a forgery. The local office of our detective agents was notified and an investigation taken up, with the result that Hart was located at Atlantic City, N. J., and arrested through the cooperation of the local authorities. Hart has since been extradited and is in New York City awaiting trial.



WM. J. HART

**ARCHIE HOLMES** defrauded a member bank of Malden, Mass., by means of a forged check. While our detective agents were investigating this matter, Holmes was arrested in New York City by the local police and held awaiting extradition to Massachusetts.

**SAM HUSTON**, alias George S. Ross, alias Chas. R. Cameron, alias Horace Mason, alias Frank Williams. An individual using the above names victimized a member bank of Texarkana, Ark., through uttering several forged checks. Our detective agents investigated at various points in Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana, and on January 10, 1921, located Huston in New Orleans. He was placed under arrest by the local authorities and was held awaiting extradition to Texarkana.

**JOSEPH A. IVY**, alias James Hall (negro), was arrested at Leavenworth, Kan., on January 9, 1921, by the local authorities, as he had defrauded a member bank of Leavenworth by means of forged checks. This individual has been arrested a number of times previously on various charges. At the present time he is being held awaiting trial.

**GARDINER JACKSON** caused a member bank of Boston, Mass., to lose a considerable amount of money through forged checks. Our detective agents investigated the matter. Recently Jackson was placed under arrest in Worcester, Mass., by the local authorities and other interested parties.

**A. J. JASTRAUB.** It is alleged that Jastraub, under the name of Monroe Banks, caused a member bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., to sustain a loss of a considerable amount through a check purporting to have been signed by a depositor. The



A. J. JASTRAUB

check in question was presented at a bank in Columbus, Ohio, but the operator was not permitted to draw against same until returns had been received from Pittsburgh. Inasmuch as the Pittsburgh bank honored the check on presentation, through the clearings, they will be the losers in this transaction. Jastraub was arrested by the local authorities in Columbus, Ohio, on February 2, 1921, and is awaiting trial at that point.

**W. R. KUNS.** During April, 1920, Kuns defrauded a member bank of Bako, Okla., out of a considerable amount of money by means of a worthless check. Our detective agents investigated the case, but were unsuccessful in locating the operator. During January, 1921, Kuns returned to Bako and surrendered himself to the local authorities. He is being held awaiting trial.

**J. E. McCORD.** Towards the end of last year this man caused a member bank of Centralia, Wash., to lose through a mortgage swindle. On January 8, 1921, one of our detective agents' Spokane representatives advised the local post office officials that he believed McCord was receiving mail at General Delivery. The post office officials stated that they would cooperate and later the same day advised our agents that McCord had been arrested. He was held awaiting the arrival of an officer from Centralia.

**E. W. McDONALD.** During July, 1920, this individual caused a member bank of Detroit, Mich., to suffer a loss by means of a worthless check. Our detective agents were requested to investigate and during the latter part of July he was located in New York by our agents, who held him under surveillance, as the New York Police Department had not been requested to arrest him by the Detroit authorities. A day or so later, McDonald proceeded to Philadelphia before the New York police were notified. Our agents followed him to that point, where he was placed under arrest by the Philadelphia Police Department after the Detroit authorities had notified them to act. He was successful in compromising the case. During January, 1921, this same individual secured a large amount from a New York, N. Y., member bank on a worthless check. On January 13, 1921, he again appeared at the New York bank and was held pending the arrival of one of our agents' representatives. He confessed his operation and was placed under arrest by the local authorities cooperating with our agents.

**JAMES A. McDONALD** victimized a member bank of Boston, Mass., by means of a forged indorsement. He was arrested on January 15, 1921, by the local authorities at Boston cooperating with our detective agents and held awaiting trial.

**MRS. M. J. MARLEY.** Using the names of Annie Connolly and Elizabeth Roberts, this woman operated against member banks in Los Angeles, Calif., with worthless checks.

Our detective agents were requested to investigate the matter and on January 17, 1921, ascertained that the local police department had arrested Mrs. Marley on another charge. She was identified and is now awaiting trial.

WM. J. MELLON, alias H. E. Collins, and HOWARD McCLARIN. A member bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., was defrauded on several forged checks. On December 31, 1920, our detective agents' Buffalo representatives cooperating with the Rochester Police Department, located and arrested Howard McClarin in Rochester. He confessed his connection with the crimes in question and implicated one Wm. J. Mellon. Mellon was located by our detective agents' Pittsburgh representatives on January 5, 1921, and his arrest effected. Both were held awaiting trial.

W. H. MORSE, who defrauded a member bank of Flagstaff, Ariz., by means of a mortgage swindle, was arrested at St. Louis, Mo., recently by the local authorities. He has been returned to Flagstaff for trial.

CHARLES MORTAN induced a member bank of Bakersfield, Calif., to cash a worthless check in a small amount. Our detective agents were notified and while they were conducting their investigation, Mortan entered our agents' New Orleans office, confessed his operations, and advised that he was willing to return to California. Later he was placed under arrest by the local authorities cooperating with our agents and has been returned to California for trial. The California Bankers Association prorated with this Association the cost of the investigation.

HAROLD T. MURPHY. An operator whose true name is Harold T. Murphy, victimized many banks in Arizona, California, Kansas and Illinois, by means of worthless checks. Murphy was formerly in the employ of the United States Department of Agriculture and was wounded, shell-shocked and gassed in the World War. It is thought his wounds may have affected his mentality and this may be responsible for his swindling transactions. Our agents located the place where he was living in Los Angeles. On January 17, 1920, Murphy entered our detective agents' Los Angeles office and confessed his operations. He was placed under arrest and has been returned to Riverside, Calif., for trial. He has used the following aliases: Hardin Murray, H. E. Williams, Martin H. Martley, Hal Murphy, Herbert Williams, etc., He is described as about 30 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 140 pounds, slight build, grayish blue eyes, red hair, face freckled; sickly appearance.

E. E. OWENS, Jr., and JOE HARTLEY, alias John Bailey. On December 3, 1920, two men held up a member bank of Alanreed, Texas. Poses were formed immediately and the two men were placed under arrest. They were held awaiting trial.

HOMER PATTERSON. During May, 1920, this individual caused a member bank of Manhattan, Kan., to sustain a loss through a mortgage swindle. The matter was referred to our detective agents' Kansas City representatives. On January 14, 1921, they were successful in locating Patterson at Olathe, Kan., and effecting his arrest. He will be returned to Manhattan for trial.

M. P. PERRY defrauded a member bank of Reform, Ala., by means of two forged checks. Our detective agents' Memphis representatives were requested to make an investigation. On January 27, 1921, our agents received information to the effect that Perry had left Truman, Ark., and was believed to be going to either Nettleton or Jonesboro, Ark. The local



M. P. PERRY

authorities were notified and Perry was placed under arrest at Nettleton. He was held awaiting extradition to Alabama.

MANUEL S. RODRIGUEZ, a Filipino, defrauded a member bank at Spokane, Wash., by means of a check to which he had forged the name of a depositor. The case was referred to our detective agents' Spokane representatives for investigation. On the following day, Rodriguez appeared at the bank and attempted to cash a second check. He was recognized by the bank teller and detained until the arrival of our agents' representative and a city detective, whereupon he was placed under arrest. He pleaded guilty to the charge of forgery and was sentenced to serve from one to fifteen years in the State Reformatory. The Washington Bankers Association cooperated with this Association in financing the case. Rodriguez is described as 21 years of age, 5 feet 2 inches, 112 pounds, brown complexion, brown eyes, black hair.

F. J. SAYRE, alias M. G. Samuel, alias James Allison, etc., and CRAIG CHESTERFIELD. F. J. Sayre defrauded two Pittsburgh, Pa., member banks on forged checks and our detective agents were requested to make an investigation. Later he passed worthless checks in South Dakota and Nebraska. While one of our agents' representatives was working on this matter in Omaha, Sayre was arrested in Freemont, Nebr., by the local authorities after he had attempted to defraud a bank there. At the time of his arrest he was accompanied by Craig Chesterfield, who was also placed under arrest, it being alleged that as an accomplice of Sayre, he had attempted to pass a worthless check in Freemont. Both were held on local charges in Freemont.

WM. E. SCHERER for the last eight or ten years has been an active insurance salesman covering the west and west central parts of Missouri. Some time ago he started passing bogus checks throughout his territory and because he was well known had no trouble in getting banks to cash them. He operated in this way at Marcelina, Brookfield, Glasgow and Macon, Mo., also other places. Scherer was arrested in Kansas City, Mo., on February 14, 1921, by Deputy Sheriff Simpson of Brunswick, Mo., and at present is awaiting trial in Marceline. Scherer is about 55 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches, 190 pounds, dark complexion, dark eyes, dark hair, smooth shaven.

N. D. SKLADENITES. A member bank of Wilmette, Ill., reported to our agents that they had sustained a loss of considerable size through the operations of this individual who defrauded them by means of a check which bore a forged signature. Before our agents could reach the scene of activities, the local sheriff placed Nick Skladenites under arrest. When searching his effects, they found four small bottles of ink, one containing green ink such as was used on the forged checks. They also found a large bundle of cancelled checks, the handwriting on which was identical with the writing appearing on the forged check. A small amount of money



was also found but it was not sufficient to cover the bank's loss. This man is now being held awaiting trial. He is described as 30 years of age, 5 feet 11 inches, 160 pounds, medium build, dark complexion, dark eyes, black hair.

JOHN R. SPEAR defrauded member banks in Massachusetts, Vermont and Maine on worthless checks. On February 7, 1921, Spear was placed under arrest in New York City by the local authorities and other interested parties. He was held awaiting extradition to Maine.

FRANK A. SWEENEY, who formerly was assistant cashier at a bank from which he absconded, has cashed many worthless checks among business acquaintances throughout the United States since September, 1920, defrauding several banks. He was arrested in St. Louis, Mo., February 3, 1921, by our detective agents, cooperating with the local authorities. He admitted all of the charges known, and pleaded guilty. Sweeney was taken to Little Rock, Ark., to be prosecuted for a check passed there. He is described as follows: about 40 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 150 pounds, black eyes, black hair, full face, very white teeth; smooth shaven.

LESLIE H. THORNTON, alias Harry J. Andrews. This individual stole several checks from his employers, a Philadelphia firm, then proceeded to Morristown, where he claimed to be an official of the firm and succeeded in securing cash from a member bank on the checks which bore forged indorsements. On January 27, 1921, Thornton was located by our detective agents' Philadelphia representatives and his arrest effected. He is being held awaiting trial.

GEORGE E. TURNER, alias Jack Turner, who defrauded a member bank in Wichita, Kan., in June, 1919, and who was mentioned in the JOURNAL Supplement for August, 1919, was arrested by our detective agents' Kansas City representatives,

assisted by local authorities in Tulsa, Okla., on January 29, 1921, and has been returned to Wichita for prosecution.

BRADY W. WARNER caused a member bank of Fort Worth, Texas, to suffer a loss on a forged United States pay check. Our detective agents were notified and while they were investigating the matter Warner was placed under arrest in New Orleans, La., by an operative of the United States Secret Service. Warner has been returned to Dallas, Texas, where he will be tried on the Federal charge.



ALFRED WILLIAMS

ALFRED WILLIAMS, an article relative to whom appeared in the November, 1920, JOURNAL Supplement, was arrested in Pittsburgh, Pa., on January 21, 1921, by the local authorities on a hold-up charge, under the name of A. Leon. Our detective agents' Pittsburgh representatives were successful in identifying A. Leon as Alfred Williams. At the present time Williams is being held by the Pittsburgh authorities on the hold-up charge.

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	Awaiting trial August 31, 1920	Arrested since August 31, 1920	Arrested in February, 1921	Total	Convicted	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc.....	144	163	49	212	91	46	13	206
Burglars .....	7	17	....	17	18	....	....	6
Hold-up robbers.....	7	21	6	27	13	....	....	21
Sneak thieves.....	3	1	....	1	....	1	....	3
Total .....	161	202	55	257	122	47	13	236

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## MARCH PROTECTIVE WORK

### WARNING

#### FORGED CASHIER'S CHECKS

Presenter purchases Liberty bonds for proceeds

Members are requested to be on their guard against a man whose description and method of operation are given herein.

On February 23, 1921, a man giving the name of L. D. ROSE went to the Liberty Bond Department of a bank in Southern California and stated that he was from the Imperial Valley and desired to purchase some Liberty bonds.

On being informed that he could be accommodated, Rose inquired if his personal check would be accepted in payment. He was told that his check could be accepted only for collection, whereupon he responded, "No, never mind, I will have my bank send in the money."

On the following Saturday, February 26, Rose again entered the bank and inquired of an official, "Is there a letter for me?" He was handed a letter that had been received in the mail from El Centro the previous day. Rose opened the letter in the presence of the bank official and stated, "Oh, yes, my cashier's check from the bank to pay for those Liberty bonds." He extracted a letter from the envelope which the bank official believed was on the stationery of the El Centro Branch of the Southern Trust & Commerce Bank of San Diego, Calif., and presented a cashier's check purporting to have been issued by that bank.

The bank official examined the check and as it appeared to be in order, he accepted it in payment for Liberty bonds. Rose secured one \$1,000 and seven \$100 Liberty bonds. Our agents are now actively endeavoring to locate him in behalf of the bank's membership in the California Bankers Association and this Association.

The forged cashier's check was not on the regular form used by the bank and was printed on National Safety paper of blue color. We are reproducing below specimens of the handwriting

*L. D. Rose*  
*1500<sup>00</sup>*  
*Twenty*  
*Paul Gildea*

appearing on the check in question. A similar check was negotiated by the operator with a Los Angeles jeweler. A warrant is in existence and should this individual appear at your bank, cause his arrest and notify the nearest office of our detective agents. L. D. Rose is described as being: 35 to 40 years of age, 5 feet 10 or 11 inches, about 160 pounds, pale complexion, dark brown eyes, dark hair, small dark mustache; wears black derby hat, dark overcoat; and appears somewhat like a clergyman, quiet and retiring.

#### FLIM FLAM OPERATOR

A member bank in Buffalo, N. Y., has been defrauded by an operator who ostensibly exchanged \$1,500 in small bills for bills in large denominations. The modus operandi of this individual is as follows:

He steps into the bank, being well dressed, and asks the youngest teller, as a rule, if he can give him large bills for 10's and 20's. Receiving an affirmative reply, the operator hands the teller the first package, bearing a band on which is the notation, "\$500." He awaits the counting, noticing whether or not the teller breaks the band. If the teller merely counts the bills from one end of the package without breaking the band, the operator then hands him two more packages of bills in such a way that the teller will not turn them around, but immediately starts counting them in the convenient position they are placed for him. The last two rolls contain several bills which are folded so as to show double when they are counted. After breaking the bands on the packages, the Buffalo member bank found each package, which was supposed to contain \$500, \$70 short. Member banks are requested to be on the alert for this operator, who is described as being 32 years of age, 6 feet, heavy set, wore a large diamond ring on the second finger of his left hand.

#### AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION CHECKS IN CIRCULATION

Our attention has been called by the Liberty National Bank of New York City to the fact that some individual using the name of Paul Gildea is issuing checks that appear to be claim checks of the American Automobile Association. We are reproducing below a specimen of the operator's handwriting and would appreciate it if the readers of this JOURNAL would bear this warning in mind, as the check is a fraud, and should it be presented for payment the presenter should be thoroughly questioned. If a proper explanation is not given he should be detained and the nearest office of our detective agents notified.

*Paul Gildea*



ROBERT H. ALLEN, alias Robert H. Pratt. When a customer of a Kansas City, Mo., member bank received their monthly statement, four checks in considerable amounts were found to be forgeries. The matter was immediately reported to our detective agents' Kansas City representatives, who ascertained that during the latter part of January, 1921, the bank's customer had inserted an advertisement in a local newspaper for a bookkeeper. It is believed that the operator in this case answered that advertisement and was successful in securing the position, as several blank checks were stolen from the firm's check book, and during the latter part of February the new employee disappeared. The operator opened accounts by depositing cash at two other Kansas City banks under the names of Allen & Ule and Pratt & Haley. The forged checks were deposited in these accounts, and a short time afterwards the accounts were practically closed. Inasmuch as the bank on which these checks were drawn honored them on presentation through the clearings, it is the loser. The operator is described as being 30 to 35 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, medium build, light complexion, brown hair, smooth shaven; long, slender hands.

*Robert H. Allen*

*Allen & Ule*

MRS. J. M. BRIGGS. This woman opened an account at a Dearborn, Mich., member bank by making a substantial deposit. Subsequently she withdrew most of the funds to her credit and is now traveling through the southern states, passing worthless checks in small amounts. At the present time she is drawing checks against the American State Bank of Dearborn, Mich. She is 45 to 50 years of age. No further description is available at this writing.

LEONI DOS D'VASSOS, alias D. Matsiros. This operator made the acquaintance of a customer of a Fresno, Calif., member bank and secured his indorsement on a check signed D. Matsiros. He then ostensibly forged the indorsement of the bank's customer on another check signed in the same way and secured the funds on both from a local member bank. Both checks have been returned marked "no account," and while the bank's customer sustained a loss on one, the bank is a loser on the other. Our detective agents are investigating this matter on behalf of the bank's membership in the California Bankers Association and this Association. Leoni Dos D'Vassos is described as follows: 26 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches, 126 pounds, slender build, medium complexion, light eyes, light hair; has two gold teeth, one on each side of the upper jaw.

G. E. HAGERMAN. This person is drawing checks against the First National Bank, Liberal, Kan., which are being returned, due to the fact that he has only a few dollars balance. His checks range from \$50 to \$500. Hagerman is about 35 to 40 years of age, 180 pounds; usually dresses like a farmer, but seems to be greatly interested in oil and might be posing as an oil magnate by this time. He has light brown hair, is slightly club-footed, but walks almost entirely without a limp. The

*G. E. Hagerman*  
*May 1921*

club foot is hard to detect. He acts the part of the honest, well-meaning farmer and puts up a fine line of talk in his ignorant well-meaning way, with the result that he prevails upon the unsuspecting banker or merchant to cash his checks.

WILLIAM MARTIN. This individual was successful in securing cash at a member bank in Pittsburgh, Pa., on one forged check, and attempted to secure cash on another. However, when the paying teller left his window to verify the signature, the operator hurriedly left the premises. The operator is described as being about 25 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 140 pounds, medium complexion, smooth shaven.

*William Martin*

M. A. VIEIRA. A member bank in California advises having been defrauded by an operator using the name of M. A. Vieira, who pretended to be in that vicinity for the purpose of purchasing a dairy business. He was successful in inducing a local man to identify him at the bank, whereupon he secured cash on a check in a small amount, which was subsequently returned as bogus. The operator is described as being about 45 years of age, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches, 180 to 190 pounds, dark eyes, dark hair, reddish face; Portuguese.

*M. A. Vieira*  
*San and 9/100*

#### GENERAL

#### BOGUS CASHIER'S CHECKS

L. B. GARRETT, alias R. L. Barrett, alias J. M. Barry, alias Lew Roberts, alias C. E. Gilson, are the names used on bogus cashier's checks purporting to be issued by the First National Bank, Carlyle, Ill., which have recently been tendered in payment of merchandise at Indianapolis, Ind., and Cincinnati, Ohio. One of these checks was given in payment for printing five hundred of them, at Indianapolis, Ind., by a man described as follows: 5 feet 10 inches, 150 pounds, smooth face; wore dark suit and no overcoat. At Cincinnati they were presented by a man and woman, described as follows: the man—40 or 45 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 150 or 160 pounds, brown eyes, dark brown hair, smooth shaven, dark suit and overcoat; the woman—24 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, 135 or 140 pounds, fair complexion, light blue eyes, light hair. So far as we know, none of these

*Lew Roberts*  
*Lew Roberts*  
*J. M. Krebs*

checks have been cashed at banks, but we are reproducing here-with a specimen of the handwriting appearing thereon, so that member banks may be on the lookout for them.

### STOLEN TIME CERTIFICATES

We have been advised by a member bank of Decatur, Ill., that the following time certificates of John Hendrix were stolen on February 26, 1921:

No. 1432, dated 2/28/20, in the amount of \$4,000

No. 1459, dated 3/20/20, in the amount of \$500

No. 1527, dated 6/ 5/20, in the amount of \$3,700

No. 1576, dated 8/11/20, in the amount of \$1,500

Any information relative to these time certificates should be communicated to this department.

**W. ROY WAYLAND.** This individual is operating with worthless checks drawn against the Equitable Trust Company of Atlantic City, N. J. To date he has operated almost solely against hotels. No member bank has sustained a loss to the best of our knowledge. Wayland is described as being 28 to 30 years of age, 5 feet 3 inches, 150 pounds, light complexion, smooth shaven.

### CORRECTIONS

**J. A. McDONALD,** alias J. W. Williams. In the November, 1920, JOURNAL Supplement we published an article relative to the arrest of this individual under the name of J. A. McDonald. Due to an oversight, another article giving the same information was published in the December, 1920, JOURNAL Supplement, under the name of J. W. Williams. In view of the above, we are removing J. W. Williams' name from our Awaiting Trial List and correcting our statistics accordingly.

**J. S. RICE.** In the October, 1920, JOURNAL Supplement we published an article relative to the arrest of J. S. Rice. Another article referring to the same arrest of J. S. Rice was published in the January, 1921, JOURNAL Supplement, due to an oversight. We are correcting our statistics accordingly.

### ARRESTED

#### CLEAN-UP DAY

Entire band of bank bandits held

Several months ago the First National Bank of Roselle, N. J., member, and the Williamsbridge Branch of the Bronx Borough Bank, non-member, New York City, were held up



STEWART WALLACE



HARRIS BERNSTEIN

by a band of bandits. From investigations made by our detective agents, the identity of the leader of this band was determined and a quiet search set in action to cause his apprehension.

While engaged upon this investigation, the Peoples Trust Co., non-member, Wyomissing, Pa., was held up, and \$183,000 in money and securities stolen. Our detective agents, upon being called in, recognized the leader of this band from the descriptions supplied by employees, as being Stewart Wallace. The old haunts of this man were thoroughly combed, and trace of him was secured in Chicago. In the meanwhile our agents traced the balance of the band to New York City, they having left Reading, Pa., in pairs.

On February 26, 1921, Dave Minogue was arrested by the local authorities and other interested parties, for his alleged participation in a Detroit, Mich., hold-up, but through a witness supplied by our agents, he was recognized as one of the Wyomissing bandits, and has been returned there for trial.

The newspaper notoriety given this arrest alarmed the rest of the band. They scattered, with the result that our agents' work was made doubly hard, as they had to set about again lining up the various members.

Finally, on March 5, 1921, Carl Lordy, alias Carl Scott and John Russo, alias Willie Banko, were arrested in Hoboken, N. J., on information supplied by our agents, they having been identified by a resident of Reading.

After several days of surveillance of Harris Bernstein, he was finally arrested by the New York police cooperating with our agents, and \$65,500 worth of the stolen securities were found on him.

Immediately following Bernstein's arrest, our agents and the local police raided an apartment in the Harlem district of New York, and there arrested Stewart Wallace and Charles Rosen, alias Stark, alias Berger. This raid netted the leader of the band and accounted for all of the members.

Various victims of hold-ups were called to headquarters, for the purpose of identification, with the result that STEWART WALLACE and HARRIS BERNSTEIN were identified as being in the First National Bank of Roselle hold-up. Wallace was also identified by employees of the Bronx Borough Bank. These men are fighting extradition to Pennsylvania, but it will be only a matter of time before they will be returned to stand trial.

### ROUND UP BANK BANDITS

Arrest of three clears up several jobs

When the police of Cleveland, Ohio, apprehended HARRY STONE, alias Harry Wulle, ORVILLE TAYLOR and GEORGE LOSTEINER, and killed Albert Johnson at the time they were endeavoring to make their getaway, following the hold-up of

the Bedford Branch of the Cleveland Trust Co., a non-member of this Association, they cleared up three other bank hold-ups at the same time. The men listed above form part of a band of desperate criminals that have been preying on banks throughout the Middle West. Two member banks of this Association, the First National Bank of Chagrin Falls and the Twinsburg Banking Co., Twinsburg, Ohio, which have received their attention, willingly aided in prosecuting the bandits after their arrest. Harry Stone and Orville Taylor were convicted and each received an indeterminate sentence of from one to fifteen years in the Ohio State Penitentiary. George Losteiner is being held on a murder charge, while Paul Rivers is still listed as a fugitive. Leo Mitchell, alleged to have been implicated in the various hold-ups, has been arrested and returned to Toledo, where he will be prosecuted for other offenses, consequently we will not list him as an arrest in connection with these hold-ups.

### OLD OFFENDER AGAIN ARRESTED

Resumes operations immediately after release from penitentiary

E. O. M. DURFEE, alias John Durkee, alias Jack Dupre, etc., began his fraudulent transactions several years ago. He has served terms in the Louisiana State Penitentiary and the Texas State Penitentiary. Articles relative to him were published in the June, 1919, JOURNAL Supplement. On May 16, 1920, this man was released from the Texas State Penitentiary and immediately continued his career of passing worthless checks. It was not, however, until December that a member bank advised having been defrauded by him. Since then various member banks in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky have advised that they have suffered losses due to this man's operations. Our detective agents investigated this matter thoroughly and issued circulars in an endeavor to cause his apprehension. On March 9, 1921, while endeavoring to cash a worthless check at a member bank in Alma, Ark., Durfee was placed under arrest by the local authorities. Our detective agents' various interested offices were notified and steps were taken immediately to have detainer warrants lodged at that point. This man operated with checks purporting to have been issued by various oil companies, and confined his operations to banks located in the oil districts. He is described as being 35 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches, 165 pounds, well built, fair complexion, dark eyes, dark hair.

### BANK BURGLARY NIPPED

Our detective agents and local sheriff capture four bank burglars

While attempting to burglarize a Coweta, Okla., bank, ROLAND J. WILLIAMS, RAY TERRELL, alias R. G. Patton, HARRY CAMPBELL, alias Claud Dale, and ARTHUR BARKER, alias Dock Barker, were detected in the act by representatives of the local sheriff's office. From various articles found among their effects, our agents were able to identify the bandits as those who burglarized a member bank in Tryon, Okla. They were also identified as being responsible for a burglary in Ripley, Okla. The Tryon evidence being the strongest, they will be returned to that point for trial.

### LAKE STEVENS, WASH., BANK HOLD-UP

On February 16, 1921, four men found themselves on a wrong road in the vicinity of Lake Stevens, Wash. One of them

discovered a member bank in the vicinity which they decided to hold up. They were successful and secured a small amount of cash. Later the same day, OSCAR LOWE and H. Q. SIMPSON were placed under arrest by the local authorities. A day or so afterwards, GUY TROUTMAN was found by the local sheriff and placed under arrest. He made a confession implicating the others. The fourth member of the band has not been arrested as yet.

ALBERT ABEA. In Jacksonville, Fla., this young man stole several checks from the office where he was employed and defrauded two local member banks by forging indorsements to the checks. On February 19, 1921, a short time after having cashed the checks, Abea was arrested by the local police department. He is now awaiting trial.

ED. ADAMS, alias J. W. Wallace, and JULIUS FINNEY. On the morning of February 12, 1921, the sheriff of Pratt, Kan., captured two men who had burglarized a local member bank the preceding night. They gave their names as J. W. Wallace and Julius Finney. Both are awaiting trial at this writing. J. W. Wallace has been positively identified as being Ed. Adams, relative to whom articles were published in the October, 1919, and March, 1920, JOURNAL Supplements. After having been sentenced to serve a life term in the Kansas State Penitentiary, Adams escaped while en route to the penitentiary on March 24, 1920.

JOHN V. ANGEL, alias C. P. French, alias L. P. Glendering. Early in January, 1921, this operator opened an account in a Carnegie, Pa., member bank, in the name of C. P. French, depositing cash. He then made a few deposits and withdrawals, and on January 14 succeeded in securing cash on a forged check in a considerable amount. Operating in the same manner and using the name of L. P. Glendering, he victimized a member bank of Sewickley, Pa., on a forged check, during the latter part of January. On February 11, 1921, the Pittsburgh Police Department received information that a man had ordered printed checks drawn on a non-existing bank. They arrested that man, who gave his name as John V. Angel, and notified our detective agents' Pittsburgh representatives, who were able to identify him as being the man who defrauded the two banks above referred to. He is now awaiting trial.

C. O. BECKETT defrauded a member bank in Oberlin, Ohio, in a small amount, also a member bank in Colorado Springs, Colo., in a much larger amount. He was placed under arrest by the local authorities at Colorado Springs, Colo., during the latter part of February, 1921. On February 28, Beckett entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to serve not less than seven nor more than nine years in the Colorado State Penitentiary.

FRANCES BERGSTRASSER, alias Mrs. Frank O. Johnson, alias Mrs. A. R. Skinner, alias Mrs. Bert Blue, alias Nan C.



FRANCES BERGSTRASSER



Batchelor, alias Mrs. A. L. Van Louven, alias Frances Richards, alias Frances Sharp, etc. Last June this operator defrauded two member banks in the state of Washington by means of forged checks. At that time our detective agents were unsuccessful in locating her. Recently she victimized three more banks and our agents secured new leads, which resulted in Frances Bergstrasser's arrest in Spokane, Wash., on February 5, 1921. She confessed to her operations and entered a plea of guilty. She was sentenced to serve a term of not exceeding twenty years in the Women's Industrial Home.

C. G. BERING caused a member bank of Cincinnati, Ohio, to lose a small amount through two forged checks. The bank requested our detective agents to take up the matter, and on February 19, 1921, they located Bering in Norwood, Ohio, and supplied the information to the local police department. Late that night Bering was placed under arrest by the local police on our agents' information. He is now awaiting trial in Cincinnati. It was later ascertained that this man had also defrauded another member bank in Cincinnati and a member bank in Norwood.

WM. BONNIE, FRANK RODGERS, J. F. SMITH and HARRY GRAVELL, alias Frank Moore, were arrested by representatives of the sheriff's office, charged with holding up the Sugarhouse Banking Co., Salt Lake City, Utah, a member of this Association.

E. K. BROWN was placed under arrest by the sheriff's office at Helena, Ark., on information furnished by our detective agents. The check in question, on which a member bank of New Orleans sustained a loss, was uttered by the operator in Vicksburg, Miss., making it necessary that he be prosecuted there. While Brown was being held awaiting extradition, he succeeded in escaping from the local officers. Therefore he is now classed as a fugitive from justice.

J. L. BRUNNER. This individual was successful in causing a member bank of Englevalle, N. Dak., to sustain a loss through securing funds on a check that was subsequently returned as bogus. Our detective agents took up this matter for this Association and the North Dakota Bankers Association, who prorated in defraying the expenses. Our agents were successful in locating Brunner and causing his apprehension. He was held in jail at Winnipeg, Canada. Due to the fact that there was considerable red tape to unravel to extradite Brunner from Canada, the Englevalle authorities decided to drop this matter, therefore Brunner was released.

FRANK B. BUEL. This man was an automobile agent in Altus, Okla., until recently, when he disappeared from that vicinity, leaving two member banks his victims on mortgage swindles. Our detective agents investigated the case and traced Buel to Florida, then to various cities in that state. Finally our representative caught up with Buel in Miami on March 1, 1921, and effected his arrest. He was held awaiting extradition to Oklahoma.

HARRY CLARK and R. R. DONAHUE. Various banks in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas have been defrauded by means of forged checks. The operators passing these checks would burglarize the offices of the banks' depositors, in order to secure blank checks. On February 14, 1921, banks in Manhattan, Kan., were victimized. Shortly after cashing the checks, the banks became suspicious and ascertained that the checks in question were forgeries. The local authorities were immediately notified and traced the two operators to Abilene, where they placed Harry Clark under arrest. On March 1, 1921, R. R. Donahue was apprehended while endeavoring to secure some money from a hiding place in the jail at Abilene, where, it is alleged, Harry

Clark had placed it. A warrant was issued for Donahue and he is held on a charge of being an accessory after the fact.

ANTONIO COMEILLO, alias Agostino DeFuria, is now under arrest at Philadelphia, Pa., charged with having defrauded a member bank of that city by the use of a check bearing the forged signature of one of their customers. His arrest was effected through information secured by the Philadelphia representatives of our detective agents and through the cooperation of the local authorities.

MRS. ALTA DUFFY. A member bank of Seattle, Wash., was victimized by this woman through several forged checks in small amounts. On February 12, 1921, our detective agents' Seattle representatives ascertained where this woman was living. She was identified later and placed under arrest by the local police cooperating with our agents. At the present time she is awaiting trial.

A. T. EMERSON attempted to defraud a member bank of Cheyenne, Wyo., by raising a \$3 draft to \$3,000. After altering the draft, it is alleged that Emerson endeavored to secure the funds on same from the Western Union office. Seeing that he was suspected, Emerson left the office. A hurried search was made and by freely using the Western Union wires, Emerson was located at Pocatello, Idaho, and placed under arrest by the local authorities. While awaiting trial Emerson effected his escape and is now listed as a fugitive from justice.

TED ENGLAND, being in need of ready funds, forged his father's signature to a check drawn on a member bank of Chehalis, Wash. Our agents' Seattle representatives, on investigating the case, suspected England and after questioning him were successful in obtaining a full confession. England was subsequently convicted and sentenced to an indeterminate term of two to five years in the Washington State Reformatory. Upon reimbursing the bank for their loss and paying the cost of the trial and investigation, sentence was suspended. The Washington Bankers Association prorated in defraying the expenses of the investigation.

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## MEXICAN SWINDLERS

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MANUEL ESCALANTE and REMIGIO TRUEBA, two very clever Mexican swindlers, were apprehended at Del Rio, Texas, by an official of a local member bank cooperating with the police. These two men were using forged letters of credit purporting to have been issued by reputable Mexican business houses. After securing the confidence of the banker through the medium of the above mentioned letter, they would present a cashier's check on some New York bank, bearing the forged signature of an official. As a rule they had no difficulty in securing the funds called for on the check. When the check was presented at the New York bank it was found to be a complete forgery as to writing, form, etc. These men tried their game once too often, with the result that they were detected. Escalante, being advanced in age (seventy years), was given a sentence of five years, which was immediately suspended. Owing to Trueba being afflicted with an incurable blood disease he was deported to Mexico.

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E. R. GOETZ defrauded a member bank of Scottsdale, Pa., during September, 1918, and our detective agents were requested to make an investigation, which they did. Later that year he operated against a member bank of Winchester, Va., causing them to sustain a loss. During September, 1920, this man was

placed under arrest in Hagerstown, Md., by the local authorities on a local charge. He was acquitted on that charge and returned to Baltimore, Md., for trial there on a charge of having defrauded a merchant in that city.

R. J. HOWARD victimized a Los Angeles, Calif., member bank by means of a forged check in a small amount. Our detective agents were requested to locate him, which they were successful in doing on February 18, 1921. He was placed under arrest by the local police cooperating with our agents. On February 23, the case against him was dismissed, due to lack of identification and other circumstances.

ART JONES, alias W. W. Schribner. While attempting to secure funds on a check drawn against a customer of the Burns State Bank, Burns, Kan., which bore the customer's forged signature, Jones, alias Schribner, was detected in the act and held by officials of the bank until the local authorities arrived, whereupon he was placed under arrest. This individual is described as 33 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 195 pounds, stocky build, sandy complexion, gray hair; has small scar across bridge of nose.

ED. A. KATZ victimized a member bank in San Francisco, Calif., by means of worthless checks. He was arrested in Chicago, Ill., during November, 1920, by the local authorities and other interested parties, and extradited to Boston, Mass., where he was wanted on another charge. He has been sentenced to serve six months in the common jail at Boston. We are, therefore, removing his name from the Awaiting Trial List and regarding this as a conviction, as he cannot be tried on the San Francisco charge for some time.

JOHN KROGE attempted to secure funds from a Kansas City member bank by means of telegrams purporting to have been sent by customers of the bank. He was placed under arrest by the local authorities and subsequently released, due to lack of prosecution.

N. C. KUYKENDALL defrauded two member banks in California by means of worthless and forged checks. The matter was reported to our detective agents and their Los Angeles and San Francisco representatives investigated the matter. On February 16, 1921, our agents' Los Angeles representatives received a telephone call from a member bank in that city, advising that the operator was then in the bank. An investigator immediately proceeded to the bank and effected the arrest of Kuykendall, who is awaiting trial at the present time.

E. W. LABOTH, alias F. L. Harris, endeavored to secure funds from a member bank of San Francisco, Calif., by means of a forged signature. He would have been successful in his attempt had not the bank's customer returned to the city unexpectedly. The customer, upon endeavoring to obtain funds from his bank, was advised that his account had been closed, and a certified check issued. Learning this, he suspected a former room mate. This information was given to our detective agents' local representatives. They were successful in locating Laboth and after a long questioning secured a confession from him. He was placed in the custody of the Juvenile Court and was subsequently sentenced to an indeterminate term in the State Reform School. The California Bankers Association prorated in defraying the expenses of this investigation.

EDWARD JOSEPH MEEHAN, alias Edward Rodgers, and ROBERT INGERSOLL BURBANK, alias Chas. Turner, were arrested on suspicion by the authorities of Oshkosh, Wis. On searching these two men several bonds were found in their possession, besides a large sum of money. Our detective agents were notified of this find and their New York representatives were able to identify the bonds as part of the loot secured from

the hold-up of the Great Northern State Bank of St. Paul, Minn. The interested bank officials were notified, with the result that they were able to identify the men as members of the band that held them up. They will be returned to St. Paul for trial.

W. C. MICHAEL caused a member bank of New York City to suffer a loss on two checks bearing the forged signature of a depositor. Our detective agents investigated the case and on March 1, 1921, the same day the case was reported to them, they located Michael and effected his arrest. He is now awaiting trial.

JOHN W. MITCHELL, CLARENCE ADAMS and JOHN KELLY were arrested some time ago for their share in the hold-up of the First National Bank of Sandy Springs, Md., at which time one of the directors was murdered. The arrests of these men were brought about by the good work of the Baltimore police. Mitchell and Adams were convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. Kelly was successful in escaping from jail before his trial, and is classed as a fugitive from justice.

BILL MONOLAKOS. A member bank in Kansas City, Mo., was recently defrauded by two Greeks, who secured funds on a depositor's check which bore a forged signature. Our detective agents' Kansas City representatives were notified, and upon taking up the investigation located the residence of Bill Monolakos. This place was kept under surveillance by our agents, who were eventually relieved by a representative of the interested bank, and while this official was on watch, Monolakos entered his room, having returned from a trip out of town, and was placed under arrest. Following his confession, he implicated one George Thamos, who has not as yet been placed under arrest. Monolakos entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to a term of two years in the Missouri State Penitentiary.

C. J. O'HARA. Quite recently the Littleton State Bank of Littleton, Colo., was held up and several thousand dollars secured by a lone bandit. This bandit entered the bank and presented to the teller a note reading as follows: "Put all the currency in the bag and don't say a word or I'll shoot to kill." The teller, noting that this man was greatly agitated, used good judgment and placed only part of the bank's funds in the bag presented to him by the bandit, whereupon the bandit left the bank, entered a waiting car and drove from the vicinity alone. A short investigation was made and from an examination of the handwriting it was found to be that of C. J. O'Hara, a local man who was acting as a solicitor for a newspaper in the vicinity. Our detective agents found that O'Hara had a prison record in the state of New York, having been charged with highway robbery and other crimes. Following this advice, the local authorities took up a search for O'Hara and were eventually successful in causing his arrest. Following his trial, O'Hara was found guilty and has been remanded for sentence.

SYLVESTER OWENS, alias Sylvester Porter, alias U. R. Gales (negro). A member bank of Aullville, Mo., was victimized by this man through a forged check. Owens was traced to Kansas City, Mo., by a bank official, who called on our detective agents for aid on February 15, 1921. It was then ascertained that earlier the same day Owens had been placed under arrest by the police department in Kansas City. He has been returned to Aullville for trial.

E. H. PRESCOTT, alias Chas. W. Taylor. This individual victimized a Los Angeles, Calif., member bank by securing funds against an uncollected item, which later was found to be worthless. On February 7, 1921, our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives caused the arrest of Prescott at a local hotel, and he is now awaiting trial.

ROBERT REINHART caused a member bank of Cincinnati, Ohio, to lose a large amount of money on a worthless check,

drawn on a San Francisco, Calif., bank. Our detective agents traced Reinhart from Cincinnati to Chicago, to New York, then to Boston. At Boston he was arrested on February 9, 1921, by the local authorities on a charge of defrauding a local merchant on a worthless check. When his case came up for trial in Boston, he failed to appear and forfeited his bond. On March 22, 1921, our detective agents' New York representatives secured information to the effect that Robert Reinhart was then at a certain point in New York City. An investigator proceeded to that point and, cooperating with the local police department, effected the arrest of Reinhart. At the present time he is being held awaiting extradition to Cincinnati.

CLYDE A. ROBINSON operated against member banks in Iowa and Nebraska with worthless checks, and our detective agents were requested to locate him. On March 2, 1921, this man attempted to cash another worthless check at a bank in Des Moines. That bank notified our agents, who proceeded to the bank and effected Robinson's arrest. Later he confessed to his operations and his father came to his rescue, making full restitution. Robinson was then released from custody.

CHARLES H. RUSSELL secured a considerable amount of money from a member bank of Bremerton, Wash., giving a chattel mortgage as a security. Russell secured possession of the article pledged as security and disposed of same without reimbursing the bank. Our detective agents were requested to apprehend Russell. On February 19, 1921, he was located in Salem, Ore., by one of our agents' representatives and placed under arrest. He was held awaiting extradition to Bremerton.

HERBERT RYAN, JOHN J. BOHMER and CHAS. E. STEWART were recently arrested by the Omaha, Neb., authorities charged with holding up the Superior State Bank, Superior, Wis. After a hard legal battle the bandits were extradited to Wisconsin and all have been convicted on the charge. Herbert Ryan received a sentence of thirty years in the Wisconsin State Penitentiary, Waupun, Wis. The other two men are awaiting sentence pending their motion for a new trial.

R. SELEIG, alias L. Struss, alias Roy Schifflet. Recently a member bank of Delano, Cal., sustained a loss through cashing checks of various depositors that were subsequently returned as forgeries. Our detective agents, upon taking up the investigation in behalf of the bank's membership in this Association and the California Bankers Association, who prorated in defraying the expense of the investigation, suspected a local party. Shortly after, the bank received a letter from a local individual by the name of Roy Schifflet, containing some currency and a full confession. He was placed under arrest by the local authorities and held for trial. The outcome of his case has not been reported to our agents as yet.

THOMAS SIMMONS, alias John Smith. A member bank of Jacksonville, Fla., honored several checks in small amounts, which bore forged signatures of one of their depositors. Our special representative at Atlanta, Ga., investigated the matter and suspected Thomas Simmons, whom he located and secured a confession from on February 23, 1921. Simmons was then placed under arrest by the local authorities at Jacksonville. He is now awaiting trial.

W. S. SMITH and A. E. SEIDLER were successful in defrauding a member bank of Portland, Ore. Smith stole several form checks from the bank's customer, and after forging the customer's signature to them, he, with the aid of Seidler, passed the checks among local merchants. The interested bank, upon receiving the checks through the clearings, honored them. Our detective agents' Portland representatives were successful in locating the two boys, who finally confessed to their crimes.

The Oregon Bankers Association prorated the expenses of the investigation. Smith entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to three years in the Oregon State Penitentiary. This sentence was suspended and Smith paroled to the Prisoners' Aid Society.

FRANK SPRINGER, alias Clarence Kurz, who defrauded a member bank of Conneaut, Ohio, by means of several forged checks, was recently arrested by the local officers, action being delayed until Springer was released from the Federal prison, where he was sent on a charge of bootlegging. Springer is now awaiting trial on the forgery charge.

F. J. SWADER, alias G. L. Blair, victimized a member bank of San Antonio, Texas, and another member bank of Oakland, Calif., by means of forged checks, during 1918. About the middle of February, 1921, Swader was arrested at Yuma, Ariz., by the local sheriff. However, due to technicalities, he was released before warrants could be lodged at that point by the interested authorities.

CAMILIUS TERLAU. In December, 1920, the Walton Bank and Trust Co., Walton, Ky., was burglarized. Quite recently the police department in Covington, Ky., caused the arrest of Camilius Terlau on suspicion, and upon searching him they found in his possession part of the loot stolen from the interested bank, with the result that Terlau is now being held on a burglary charge. His case has not as yet been disposed of.

R. H. THOMPSON, alias C. B. Bates, caused a Los Angeles, Calif., member bank to sustain a loss by inducing them to cash a check drawn on a Salt Lake City bank. He also operated in San Diego and was traced to Minneapolis by the sheriff's office. He was apprehended and returned to San Diego. Recently he was sentenced to serve from one to fourteen years in the California State Penitentiary at San Quentin.

J. CLARK WATSON, SANDY McMELLIN and MRS. EMMA McKINZEY. In the February, 1921, JOURNAL Supplement we published an article relative to the arrest of three men and a woman in connection with the hold-up of a Sperry, Okla., member bank. On February 11, 1921, J. Clark Watson and Mrs. McKinzeY were arrested by representatives of the sheriff's office in Oklahoma City cooperating with our detective agents' special representative at that point. They are charged with conspiracy to rob the Sperry bank. On February 8, 1921, Sandy McMellin was arrested in a raid on his roadhouse by Federal officers, with whom the Tulsa Police Department and our agents' Oklahoma City representative cooperated. It is alleged that McMellin furnished the guns which were used in holding up the Sperry bank, and a warrant has been issued for him on a charge of conspiracy.

#### STATISTICS OF THE PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1920	Arrested since August 31, 1920	Arrested in March, 1921	Total	Convicted	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc.....	144	210	40	250	123	66	17	188
Burglars .....	7	17	7	24	21	1	....	9
Hold-up robbers.....	7	27	26	53	20	....	1	39
Sneak thieves.....	3	1	....	1	2	2	....	....
Total .....	161	255	73	328	166	69	18	236



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## SECTION TWO

### PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO.—First National Bank Building.  
COLORADO, DENVER.—421 Cooper Building.  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON.—500 Southern Building.  
ILLINOIS, CHICAGO.—1050 Otis Building.  
IOWA, DES MOINES.—909 Observatory Building.  
LOUISIANA, NEW ORLEANS.—Queen & Crescent Building.  
MARYLAND, BALTIMORE.—Fidelity Building.  
MASSACHUSETTS, BOSTON.—201 Devonshire Street.  
MICHIGAN, DETROIT.—Dime Savings Bank Building.  
MINNESOTA, MINNEAPOLIS.—McKnight Building.  
MISSOURI, KANSAS CITY.—Ridge Arcade Building.  
MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS.—Railway Exchange Building.  
NEW YORK, BUFFALO.—D. S. Morgan Building.  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK.—Woolworth Building.  
OHIO, CINCINNATI.—505 Glenn Building.  
OHIO, CLEVELAND.—Swetland Building.  
OKLAHOMA, OKLAHOMA CITY.—Special Representative, H. O. Brown, 908 Colcord Building.  
OREGON, PORTLAND.—Yeon Building.  
PENNSYLVANIA, PHILADELPHIA.—Widener Building.  
PENNSYLVANIA, PITTSBURGH.—Commonwealth Building.

TENNESSEE, MEMPHIS.—Bank of Commerce and Trust Building.  
TEXAS, DALLAS.—Dallas County Bank Building.  
TEXAS, HOUSTON.—Union National Bank Building.  
TEXAS, SAN ANTONIO.—Gunter Building.  
UTAH, SALT LAKE CITY.—301-302 Tribune Building.  
WASHINGTON, SEATTLE.—L. C. Smith Building.  
WASHINGTON, SPOKANE.—Old National Bank Building.

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CANADA, MONTREAL.—Transportation Building.  
CANADA, TORONTO.—Kent Building.  
CANADA, VANCOUVER.—605 Vancouver Block.  
ENGLAND, LONDON, S. W.—Crown Chambers, 5 Regent St. No. 1.

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## APRIL PROTECTIVE WORK

### WARNING

#### A CLEVER OPERATOR

Defrauds three New York City banks, then victimizes four banks in San Francisco, Calif.

When an individual has the nerve to call at your bank, impersonate an officer of one of your correspondent banks in another city, tells you that he is on a few days' vacation, discusses banking generally, asks you to cash a check on his bank, requests a blank for such use, then draws the check before your eyes and signs it with a signature that checks with the one you have on file—we consider him dangerous.

On March 30, 1921, a man using the above method of operation called at five San Francisco, Calif., member banks, and was successful in securing several hundred dollars from four of them.

During December, 1920, the same operator defrauded two New York City member banks in the same manner. On February 7, 1921, he appeared at another New York City member bank representing himself to be the cashier of a bank in Eldorado, Ark. Prior to his appearance the New York bank had received



LARKIN J. FLANNIGAN

a letter on the stationery of the bank he claimed to represent, advising that their cashier would be in New York and would call relative to buying acceptances. On February 7, he presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 drawn on the Eldorado bank, signed with the name of the cashier, and secured the funds.

Our detective agents have been investigating this matter ever since the first operation in New York City was reported. Recently they were successful in establishing the identity of the operator. He is LARKIN JOSEPH FLANNIGAN, who began his operations with forged checks in the year, 1900.

Since 1900, Larkin Joseph Flannigan has uttered numerous forged checks. His father, who was at one time a member of a state legislature and is a highly respected gentleman, made restitution on several checks. For the passing of other forged

checks he has served terms in the Illinois Reform School at Pontiac, the Florida State Penitentiary, the Tennessee State Penitentiary, the House of Correction at Deer Island, Mass., and the Missouri State Penitentiary. He was sentenced to serve a term of seven years in the last named penitentiary on January 6, 1916, and was evidently either released or escaped from that institution during 1920.

Flannigan has a knowledge of the banking business as on two different occasions he held positions in banks of which his father was an official. It is evident that he has practiced and can write offhand the signatures of various bank officials. It is probable that he obtains the specimens of the signatures which he imitates by purchasing cashiers' checks in small amounts, but our agents have not been able to establish this as yet.

Articles relative to Flannigan, who has used various aliases were published in the following JOURNAL Supplements: September, 1911; November, 1911; April, 1912; August, 1912; November, 1915; and February, 1916.

If this man is located, cause his arrest, and notify this department or the nearest office of our detective agents.

Kindly call this warning to the attention of all officers of your institution, ask them to remember the method of operation, the description of the operator, his photograph, (this photograph was taken in 1911, when Flannigan was 27 years of age, but is a good likeness of him as he appears today), which is reproduced above, and his handwriting, which appears below.

Larkin Joseph Flannigan is described as follows: 37 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 168 pounds, medium build, florid complexion, blue eyes, blonde-sandy hair, round face; usually wears a blue serge suit and a black derby hat.

*Cash Cash Money*  
*Eight Hundred*  
*Eight Hundred*  
*Three Hundred fifty*  
*Five Thousand 5000*

ANGELO DARCA, alias Angelo Roma, alias George Scott, alias Frank Spinott, alias Frank Allise, alias Frank Moles, alias Antonio Messina, alias Alfred Amelis, alias A. Rimini. An operator using the above names has opened accounts at several California banks by depositing cash. Then, a few days later, he usually presents a worthless check, drawn on another bank, and succeeds in drawing against same, thereby causing the banks to sustain losses. We are reproducing herewith a specimen of

his handwriting. His description is given as follows: about 40 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 170 pounds, rather heavy set, dark complexion, dark eyes, dark hair, may have a small black mustache, full red face; wears black suit, black soft hat, creased round on top, dark overcoat and black shoes; has somewhat the appearance of a Russian Jew, but speaks good English.

*Angelo Larca*  
*One hundred*  
*Twenty Five*  
*Frank Allen*  
*Angelo Larca*

CHARLES KING, alias C. B. King, alias Allen G. Davies, alias George Arnholdt, alias C. Arnholdt, alias Anson Tradd, alias Bertrand Hill, alias Cantrell Wentworth, alias James Madson, alias G. C. Ramsey, alias Oscar Biglow, etc. An individual using the above names victimized five Pasadena, Calif., member banks. In each instance he opened a small savings account and kept it active for a short time. He then deposited a large check drawn on an out-of-town bank, which later proved to be worthless. Shortly after depositing that check he presented at each of the banks a check in the amount of \$480, drawn on another bank, and secured funds on same. This check also proved worthless, with the result that each of the banks lost \$480. Charles King, a specimen of whose handwriting appears herewith, is described as follows: 30 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 160 pounds, stocky build, fair complexion, blue eyes, blond hair, regular features, round face, smooth shaven.

*Charles King*  
*Four hundred eighty*  $\frac{no}{100}$

C. B. PARKER, alias Geo. B. Ramsay, alias J. McMahon. Several banks in Windsor, Ont., Canada, have reported that recently a number of checks in small amounts, signed with the above names, all in the same handwriting, have been presented for payment. Stamped or printed across these checks are the words, "Payment guaranteed through the New York Clearing House." The banks on which the checks were drawn carried no accounts in the names signed, consequently the checks were returned as bogus. It is also reported that these checks have been negotiated at various points in the United States, among them being Indianapolis, Ind., Saginaw, Mich., and Toledo, Ohio. No description of the operator is available at this time.

J. T. SANFORD, alias Charles Spencer, appeared in Kansas City, Mo., on April 6, 1921, and opened accounts at two member banks with \$5 in cash. Later he deposited worthless checks drawn on a bank in Dayton, Ohio, and endeavored to draw

*Charles Spencer*  
*April 7 21*

against same before they were collected. The operator claimed to be a waiter. A specimen of his handwriting is reproduced herewith. He is described as follows: 20 to 24 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches, slender build, light red hair; eyebrows and lashes noticeably light.

R. B. THAYER, alias C. A. Emerson, alias G. W. Connell, alias Harry B. Turner, alias W. R. McFarlin, alias A. B. Barker, alias George W. Bray. An individual using the above names has had considerable success at the old game of check "kiting." He has opened accounts at various banks in Detroit, Mich., and Pittsburgh, Pa., by depositing cash. Subsequently he deposited some checks which were honored by the banks on which they were drawn, then he deposited a worthless check drawn on an out-of-town bank and was usually successful in checking against same. In some of his operations he claimed to be representing the Emerson Engineering Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. In other instances he stated he had been sent to the bank by a salesman for an automobile company located in the neighborhood of the bank. Herewith is a specimen of the handwriting of the operator, who is described as follows: About 40 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 155 pounds, medium build, medium complexion, dark hair tinged with grey.

*R. B. Thayer*  
*G. W. Bray*

C. B. WHITE was successful in securing cash at a Clintwood, Va., member bank on a bogus check, drawn on the National Bank of Commerce, Columbus, Ohio. White claimed to be an undertaker and stated that he needed funds to pay expenses of the funeral of a local citizen. It is reported that this operator is now in the vicinity of Birmingham, Ala. The banks in that vicinity should be on the lookout for him.

## GENERAL

### WORTHLESS BONDS BEING NEGOTIATED

We are in receipt of the following letter from Mr. J. E. Gorman, President, The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company, Chicago, Ill.:

"We continue to receive reports of persons being victimized through the purchase of the 4% bonds due 2002 of CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY OF IOWA, under the impression that they are bonds of this company. The undersigned, THE CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY, is the same operating railway company which, with its predecessors, has been operating in Illinois and other states since 1847. It has no interest in, or connection with, the now defunct Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad Company of



Iowa, which was a corporation formed in 1902, and at one time acquired a large amount of the shares of stock of the undersigned, The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company.

The above 4% bonds of the said Iowa Company were secured by a trust agreement of August 1, 1902, made by said railroad company to Central Trust Company of New York. The bonds were called "Collateral Trust Bonds," and were payable on November 1, 1902. The company defaulted in 1914, the Collateral Trust Mortgage was foreclosed, and the assets of the company were applied toward the payment of the bonds. Three payments were made on each \$1,000 bond, namely, \$98.50, \$8.50 and 66½ cents, and the payments were noted on the bonds by rubber stamp notation. All coupons due since May 1, 1914, were declared void.

We believe no other payments will be made and that the collateral trust bonds are now worthless. We understand that many persons have been defrauded through the unscrupulous negotiations of these worthless bonds, the basis of the deception being the similarity of the name of the defunct company to this company. We wish to warn all persons against the purchase or negotiation of any bonds of the above issue bearing rubber stamp notation of the above payments or of any coupons belonging thereto. All bonds issued by the undersigned company bear its correct corporate name in full."

Should any information be received relative to these bonds, or the parties negotiating same, it should be transmitted to this department or the nearest office of our detective agents.

### STOLEN CASHIER'S CHECKS

Twenty-one cashier's checks, properly signed on the evening of March 23, 1921, and made payable to different parties, for various amounts, were stolen from the Homer National Bank of Homer, La., a member bank. These checks were numbered 15964 to 15984 inclusive. If any of these checks are presented or any information relative to them secured, kindly notify this department or the nearest office of our detective agents.

HOMER PATTERSON, alias Hershall Potter, recently pleaded guilty to a charge of having defrauded a Manhattan, Kan., member bank, and was sentenced to serve an indeterminate term in the Kansas State Penitentiary. Later he was paroled by the judge. We find that arrest articles relative to this individual were published in the February and March, 1921, JOURNAL Supplements. We are correcting our statistics accordingly.

### ARRESTED

#### HARRISON, ARK., BANK HOLDUP

Henry Starr, notorious bandit, killed; Rufus Rollins arrested and convicted; two men still being sought

On February 18, 1921, HENRY STARR and two other men entered the Peoples Bank at Harrison, Ark., and proceeded to hold up the bank while another man remained outside at the wheel of an automobile. Mr. W. J. Myers, a former president of the bank, was ordered into the vault; meanwhile Starr had forced the cashier to open the safe and was taking out the money. Mr. Myers secured a rifle which was hidden in the vault and opened fire on Starr, seriously wounding him. The other two men ran from the bank, got into the automobile and were driven away. Mr. Myers followed and fired at the escaping men. He was unsuccessful in hitting any of them, but he shot away the windshield, punctured one of the tires and shot a hole in the gasoline tank of the automobile.

Henry Starr has been notorious as a bandit in Oklahoma long before Oklahoma became a state. He was pardoned in 1902 and went straight for several years. In 1915 he fell into his old habits and held up a bank at Stroud, Okla. Articles relative to him were published in the May and October, 1915, JOURNAL Supplements. During May, 1919, he was paroled from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, and from then until February of this year he was prominent in prison reform work. He died on February 21, 1921, as a result of his wounds. Before his death he made a confession and named those who aided him in the holdup.

RUFUS ROLLINS was later arrested by the local authorities and confessed to his part in the holdup of the Harrison bank. He pleaded guilty, and has been sentenced to serve three years in the Arkansas State Penitentiary.

ED. AHERN, WM. WESTON, ROSWALD KEYS and CHAS. W. RINGER were recently arrested by the New Orleans Police Department and confessed to their respective parts in the holdup of a New Orleans, La., member bank, which took place on September 9, 1920.

F. G. ANDREWS, who victimized a member bank of Kansas City, Mo., last November, on a worthless check, was arrested by the Kansas City Police Department on April 14, 1921, on another charge.

FRANK E. BALDWIN, alias John Brennan, alias J. L. Williams, alias John L. Jones. After defrauding a member bank of Houston, Tex., by forging the signature of John Brennan, this individual disappeared. He was subsequently arrested in San Antonio by the local police on a similar charge. Our agents, upon checking up this last arrest, were able to identify Baldwin as the man wanted for the Houston operation. A detainer warrant has been lodged with the San Antonio police and Baldwin will be returned to Houston for trial as soon as he has satisfied the local complainant.

J. GALVIN BAYLEY, alias J. F. Clark, has been arrested by the St. Paul, Minn., authorities for defrauding a local member bank by means of a forged check. Upon entering a plea of guilty, Galvin was sentenced to an indeterminate term of one to five years at hard labor in the Minnesota State Penitentiary.

ALFRED BEST, alias Albert Besmanoff, alias Jack Kearns, has been arrested at Harrisburg, Pa., by the local authorities, charged with issuing bogus checks. Our detective agents have acquainted the interested authorities with the fact that Best defrauded a New York City member bank by means of a forged check. When being sentenced, this information was taken into consideration and Best was sent to the Pennsylvania Industrial Reform School, Huntingdon, Pa., for an indeterminate period.

JOSEPH H. BLAICHER, alias John J. Burton, Jr. Articles relative to this individual were published in the February, March and June, 1918, JOURNAL Supplements. On his release from the Arizona State Penitentiary, where he had been sentenced to serve five years for having defrauded a Prescott, Ariz., member bank, Blaicher was re-arrested and extradited to New York. He pleaded guilty to having defrauded a New York City member bank during 1918 and was sentenced to serve five years in Sing Sing Prison.

D. H. BOOTH. Using his acquaintanceship at a member bank of Philadelphia, Pa., Booth was able to secure funds on a check that was subsequently returned as worthless. Our detective agents' Philadelphia representatives were notified, with the result that they were successful in locating Booth and effect-

ing his arrest. At a later date the complaint was withdrawn as Booth reimbursed the bank for its loss.

EDWARD CASEY, BERNARD WHALEN, JOHN MALONEY, ROBERT HAYES, ROY DAVIS, THOMAS MONTGOMERY, GEORGE AYERS and CHARLES BARRINGTON. On February 8, 1921, a member bank of St. Clair, Mo., was burglarized and considerable funds stolen. Later the same day the above named men were placed under arrest, charged with having committed the burglary. Robert Hayes has been convicted and on March 15, 1921, was sentenced to serve forty years in the Missouri State Penitentiary. George Ayers has been convicted also and was sentenced on March 16, 1921, to serve thirty-five years in the Missouri State Penitentiary. The cases of the other six men were continued until May 2, 1921.

RAY COOPER, alias F. A. Eavins, alias Fred. Enahizer. This man defrauded a Pocatello, Idaho, member bank by means of a worthless check and our detective agents were requested to investigate. The operator was placed under arrest in Shoshone, Idaho, by the local authorities on a local charge. Through the efforts of our agents' Salt Lake City representatives, he was identified by the interested bank and has since been returned to that point for prosecution.

W. H. COPLEY, alias Burt Copley, who defrauded a member bank of Wayne, W. Va., by means of a forged check, surrendered to the local sheriff.

EVERETT COTTINI, charged with forging his commanding officer's signature to two checks which were passed in New York City and paid by a member bank of Buffalo when received through the clearings, was arrested by the military authorities. On being returned to Fort Porter for trial on the charge of larceny of the two checks, he was sentenced to an indeterminate term in the Auburn Prison, Auburn, N. Y.

C. E. DARCY. Due to an error on the part of a customer of a member bank of Houston, Tex., mail containing a check intended for an advertising concern by the name of D'Arcy, was sent to the wrong address and fell into the hands of C. E. Darcy. Darcy forged the indorsement to this check and was successful in securing funds. The matter was referred to the San Antonio representative of our detective agents, who located Darcy and with the aid of the local authorities effected his arrest. Darcy is now being held awaiting trial.

### YOUTHS BURGLARIZE BANK

GEORGE DAVIS and MILLARD BOOTMAN attempted to follow in the footsteps of their hero, Henry Starr. They had been reading the daily papers about Starr's hold-ups, and came to the conclusion that if he had sufficient nerve to hold up a bank in the day time, they certainly could take chances at night. They tried their scheme on the Oklahoma State Bank, Hammon, Okla., and were successful in securing a small bag of pennies that had been left out of the vault. The next day they went on a spree with the pennies with the result that they were picked up and questioned by the local sheriff. A confession was secured and a trial immediately followed. The boys were sentenced to three years in the State Reformatory and then paroled to their parents and must report regularly once a month.

J. P. DUNHAM defrauded a Houston, Tex., member bank by a check swindle, and our detective agents' Houston repre-

sentatives were called on to locate him. This they were successful in doing on March 16, 1921. Information as to Dunham's whereabouts were given to the local authorities and late that evening he was placed under arrest.

R. J. EDWARDS. A member bank of Bixby, Okla., was defrauded by means of forged checks during January, 1921. R. J. Edwards was placed under arrest recently by the local authorities, it being alleged that he was responsible for this operation. He is now awaiting trial.

A. T. EMERSON, relative to whom an article was published in the April JOURNAL Supplement, was recently re-arrested by the local authorities in Casper, Wyo., under the name of H. J. Mitchell. He has been sentenced to serve five years in the Wyoming State Penitentiary on a local charge.

JOHN J. FINNEY and JAMES E. McLAUGHLIN. Several forged checks were cashed in Los Angeles, Calif., by John J. Finney, and as a member bank sustained a loss, our detective agents made an investigation. On February 26, 1921, they located Finney and brought about his arrest. He confessed to having passed the checks and identified James E. McLaughlin as being the man who wrote them. The latter was also placed under arrest by the local authorities cooperating with our agents. Both are now awaiting trial.

KENDALL GAY was placed under arrest in Raleigh, N. C., by the local authorities, it being alleged that he had defrauded member banks in Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

C. GERRUTTI wanted for operating against two member banks of Oakland, Calif., with worthless checks, was recently arrested in Fresno, Calif., on a local charge. Our agents' San Francisco representatives, upon checking up the arrest, recognized the prisoner as being the man wanted for defrauding the Oakland banks. Through their efforts, Gerrutti has been returned to that city for trial, inasmuch as the local charge against him was weak. The California Bankers Association prorated in defraying the expenses of the investigation made by our agents.

H. L. HAGERMAN, alias H. T. Davidson, victimized a member bank of Robinson, Ill., on two bogus checks. The matter was reported to our detective agents, who located Hagerman in Chicago on March 21, 1921, and effected his arrest. Later restitution was made and he was released from custody.

STEVE J. HALL was the cause of a member bank of Des Moines, Iowa, sustaining a small loss, they having advanced funds on a note which was subsequently returned because it bore a forged indorsement. This case was reported to our detective agents' local representatives, and they were successful in effecting Hall's arrest. Hall is now awaiting the action of the Grand Jury. The Iowa Bankers Association prorated in defraying the expenses of the investigation.

ALLEN HAYS, relative to whom an article was published in the March JOURNAL Supplement, entered the sheriff's office at Topeka, Kan., on March 26, 1921, and surrendered. He was wanted for defrauding a Topeka member bank on a mortgage swindle.

OSCAR L. JENSON, alias Lester Jensen. This individual's method of operation was to secure employment as a farm hand, working for a short time, then, when he received a check for wages, either raise it to a substantial amount or forge his employer's signature to another check. He victimized a member bank of Linnton, Ore., on a forged check and a member bank of Hillsboro, Ore., on a raised check. Our detective agents' Portland and Seattle representatives investigated the case on

behalf of the banks' membership in the Oregon Bankers Association and this Association. On March 28, 1921, our Seattle representatives located Jensen and effected his arrest. He confessed to his fraudulent transactions and was held awaiting extradition to Hillsboro, Ore.

**JOHN KELLY.** Articles relative to this individual were published in the October, 1920, and April, 1921, JOURNAL Supplements, regarding his connection with the holdup of the First National Bank of Sandy Springs, Md., and the murder of one of the officials. Recently an individual was arrested in Toledo, Ohio, on a local charge, under the name of James Whalen. He was recognized by the Toledo police as being John Kelly, through a circular sent out by the Baltimore Police Department. He has since been extradited to Baltimore and is now awaiting trial at that point.

**J. R. KELSTON** was recently arrested in Oshkosh, Wis., charged with participation in the holdup of the Great Northern State Bank, St. Paul, Minn. He was subsequently sentenced to a term of thirty years in the Wisconsin State Penitentiary, charged with holding up a local bank of Oshkosh. Kelston's two companions, E. J. Meehan and R. I. Burbank, mentioned on page 79 in the JOURNAL Supplement for April, were given like sentences on the same charge.

**F. D. KRULL.** A member bank in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, reported that they had been defrauded by this individual on a worthless check. Our detective agents' Des Moines and Los Angeles representatives investigated the case and on March 28, Krull was placed under arrest in Los Angeles by the local authorities. He was questioned by our detective agents and other interested parties and admitted his identity. He also confessed to having passed several worthless checks. Arrangements were made to have a detainer warrant lodged by the Des Moines authorities.

**GEORGE G. LAUMAN,** alias Ed. Whitman, is under arrest at Salt Lake City, Utah, charged with transporting a stolen automobile from one state into another, his arrest having been effected by agents of the Department of Justice. A member bank of San Francisco, Calif., sustained a loss through the operations of this individual, who secured funds from them on a check bearing the forged signature of one of their customers. Through the advice of our detective agents, who learned of this arrest, the interested bank has lodged a detainer warrant and no doubt Lauman will be returned to San Francisco for trial.

## WOMAN FORGER CAPTURED

Swindler has eleven bank victims

**MRS. MARY LONG** (true name), alias Mrs. John Brante, etc. In arresting this woman on a local charge, Marshall Weis of Kirkwood, Mo., has aided in clearing up a series of bogus check operations against member banks of St. Louis and vicinity, totalling eleven operations. Following Mrs. Long's arrest, our agents were notified and after talking with this woman for some time she confessed to the above mentioned crimes. Proper detainer warrants have been lodged to insure prosecution in St. Louis, should she be successful in beating her case in Kirkwood. In her operations she has used the following aliases: Mrs. John M. Peters, alias Frances Hayne, alias Edna Keller, alias Mrs. Wm. G. Valth.

**ROBERT FISKE McLEAN** deposited two worthless checks at a Los Angeles, Calif., member bank and was permitted to draw against same, thereby causing the bank to sustain a loss. Our detective agents investigated the matter and ascertained that the operator was in Tucson, Ariz. They communicated their information to the chief of police at Tucson, who placed McLean under arrest. He was held awaiting extradition to Los Angeles.

**ADOLPH MANNE,** alias J. Frank Heald, alias Stan Manloski, who defrauded a member bank of Sheridan, Wyo., and attempted to defraud another member bank of Bridgeport, Conn., was recently arrested at Chicago by the local authorities on information supplied to them by the Bridgeport bank, they having acted upon advice supplied to them by our agents New York representatives. Manne has been returned to Connecticut for trial and arrangements have been made to lodge detainer warrants.

**BEN MEYERS,** alias Alex Meyers. On April 6, 1921, a member bank in New York City reported having sustained a loss on two bogus checks. Our detective agents investigated the matter and in the evening of the same day located and effected the arrest of Ben Meyers, who is now awaiting trial.

**R. L. MILWEE,** alias A. A. Clem, who defrauded a member bank of Denver, Colo., was arrested in Colorado Springs, Colo., by the local authorities last September. Recently he was returned to Denver to answer the charge of having defrauded the bank.

**JIM MORELLO** victimized a member bank of Deland, Fla., on a forged check and the matter was referred to our special representative at Atlanta, Ga. On April 12, 1921, our representative located Morello and effected his arrest. He was held awaiting extradition to Florida.

**WALTER MURRAY,** alias Walter J. Ferguson, uttered numerous worthless checks in Tarrytown, N. Y., and the vicinity, a member bank having been defrauded on two of them. On April 7, 1921, Murray was arrested in Yonkers, N. Y., on a local charge. Our detective agents ascertained this fact and notified the interested bank, whereupon arrangements were made to have detainer warrants lodged at Yonkers.

**ARTHUR NAYLOR.** After causing a member bank of Salt Lake City, Utah, to sustain a loss through advancing him funds on a misrepresentation of facts, Naylor fled from the city. Our detective agents' local representatives investigated the matter and eventually traced Naylor to the vicinity of Los Angeles. The search was transferred to that neighborhood, with the result that the Los Angeles representatives of our detective agents secured trace of Naylor and through this information, Sheriff James Byers of San Diego, Calif., caused his arrest. Naylor will be returned to Salt Lake City for trial.

**WM. FLOYD POSTEN** and **CLARENCE B. SLADE** are under arrest in New York City, charged with defrauding and attempting to defraud a member bank by means of forged checks. This is not the first time that our attention has been directed toward the activities of Posten, as our records show that he has been in difficulties on two other occasions: once for having defrauded a New York hotel by means of a bogus check, which his father eventually made good. In the other instance he attempted to operate against a New York member bank, but through the activities of our agents, the attempt was frustrated. As he did not try to secure funds, no prosecution took place. Slade is a new operator and has been coached by Posten, who has used him in going to the last interested bank. Twice he was successful in securing funds from the interested member



bank by means of forged checks that had been completely filled in by Posten. Upon calling at the bank recently, Slade was not as successful as previously and was detained until a representative of our local detective agents arrived. He was then questioned, whereupon he admitted his responsibility for the crimes and implicated Posten. Knowing Posten's whereabouts, our detective agents experienced no difficulty in causing his apprehension. Throughout the last investigation our agents were aided by members of the New York Bomb Squad. Posten and Slade have entered pleas of guilty and are now awaiting sentence.

**CHAS. F. RANDOLPH.** This operator has been very successful in the past and among his victims is listed a member bank of New York City, who honored one of his checks purporting to have been signed by their customer. After an extensive investigation by our detective agents, aided by members of the New York Bomb Squad, Randolph was located, and his arrest effected. In making a confession to our agents, Randolph admitted passing over thirty checks and at the same time advised that he was "bootlegging" on a small scale and was using his bogus and forged checks to establish his credit, in order to purchase liquor. Randolph is awaiting the action of the Grand Jury.

**PETE ROBINSON,** who defrauded a member bank of Visalia, Calif., by means of a mortgage swindle, has been arrested at Denver, Colo., by the local authorities and other interested parties.

**RALPH B. RULE,** mentioned in the February issue of the JOURNAL Supplement, was arrested at Atlanta, Ga., by agents of the Department of Justice and has been returned to the Federal Prison for violation of his parole.

**HARRY RUPPRECHT** defrauded a Brooklyn, N. Y., member bank by means of several bogus checks. The matter was reported to our detective agents' local representatives, who persisted in their investigation and finally, on March 2, 1921, were successful in locating and effecting the arrest of the operator. On March 25th, Rupprecht pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve three months in the New York Penitentiary.

**CHRISTOPHER P. SEAMAN,** alias Christie Connor, etc., and **LOUIS JAFFE,** alias Benjamin Lefcourt, etc. These two individuals have been operating extensively during the past six months with bogus certified checks, ostensibly issued by the Chatham & Phenix National Bank, New York, N. Y. Member banks in North Carolina and Virginia were defrauded, as well as numerous merchants throughout the central and eastern states. On March 12, 1921, Seaman and Jaffe were placed under arrest in Scranton, Pa., by the local police department and held on a local charge.

**WILLARD E. SPEARES** secured funds on a check in a small amount from a Los Angeles, Calif., member bank in January, 1921. The check proved to be worthless and our detective agents investigated the matter. They secured information that Speares was in Tulsa, Okla., and upon investigating in that city learned that Speares had surrendered himself to the Tulsa police. He was held awaiting extradition to California.

**H. C. STONE,** alias J. N. Van Zandt, alias H. H. Howard, alias C. A. Allen, who has operated on a large scale with bogus and forged checks, defrauding several member banks, was arrested at Stockton, Calif., by the local authorities on information supplied by our detective agents' San Francisco representatives. The California Bankers Association cooperated in financing this investigation.

**MILTON ROY STRUBLE** and **SAMUEL DOCKER.**

These two individuals caused a San Francisco, Calif., member bank to sustain a loss on several forged checks. They were recently arrested by the Federal authorities in Los Angeles on a Federal charge and were sentenced to serve eighteen months at the Federal Penitentiary, McNeals Island. Arrangements have been made to have detainer warrants lodged on the bank charge; however, inasmuch as it will be some time before these men could be tried on that charge, we are removing their names from the Awaiting Trial List and are considering them convicted.

**F. J. SWADER,** alias G. L. Blair, relative to whom an article was published in the April JOURNAL Supplement, was arrested in Fresno, Calif., on April 6, 1921, by the local authorities cooperating with our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives. He was held awaiting extradition to Oakland, Calif., where he is wanted on a charge of having defrauded a member bank. The expenses of this investigation were prorated between the California Bankers Association and this Association.

**THOMAS H. THOMPSON,** alias O. Elle, who defrauded a member bank of Portland, Ore., by forging the payee's indorsement to a check, was located and his arrest effected by the Portland representatives of our detective agents. Thompson entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to one year in the Oregon State Penitentiary. He was then paroled to report regularly.

**ORVAL G. VANSTON** defrauded a member bank of Greene, Iowa, by means of a worthless check. He was recently arrested in New Hampton, Iowa, by the local authorities. After the charge against him there has been disposed of he will be returned to Greene for trial.

**C. WHITNEY,** alias Jim Decker. A member bank of Independence, Kan., sustained a loss on five checks purporting to bear signatures of one of their customers. On March 31, 1921, Whitney was arrested at Bartlesville, Okla., by the local authorities, and held awaiting extradition to Kansas.

**WALTER R. WOODS,** alias W. R. Gibson, alias W. R. Goodale, true name Walter Freeman, who defrauded a member bank of Spokane, Wash., by means of a forged check, was arrested at Hood River, Ore., on a local charge. Our detective agents' Spokane representatives upon learning of this arrest, were successful in identifying Woods as the man wanted on the bank charge. Acting upon their advice, the interested bank lodged a detainer warrant and Woods will be returned to Spokane for trial.

**JOE A. WRIGHT,** who defrauded a member bank of Fort Worth, Tex., by means of a worthless check, was arrested by the police of San Antonio. At the time of Wright's hearing the complaining witness failed to appear, consequently Wright was released.

**A. ZUCKERMAN,** alias Max Cohan, defrauded a member bank of Jersey City, N. J., on a worthless check. On March 24, 1921, he was placed under arrest in New York City by the local authorities on a local charge. Through the efforts of our detective agents, he was identified by the Jersey City bank. He is now awaiting trial.

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(The following article was counted in our statistics for the month of February, but due to lack of space was not published.)

**MAX ISRAEL,** alias Jacob Levin. On November 10, 1920, our detective agents' Los Angeles representatives were advised by a local member bank that they had been defrauded on several checks in small amounts, to which the signatures of one of their depositors had been forged. As it was expected that the operator

would attempt to pass another check, our agents placed the paying teller's window under surveillance and shortly afterwards a young boy appeared at the bank and attempted to secure funds on a similar forged check. He was thoroughly questioned by our agents' representative and finally admitted that he had written the checks himself and secured the funds on them. He was then turned over to the juvenile authorities. Owing to the youth of the operator he was sent back to Winnipeg, Canada, and signed over to the custody of his brother. His family made complete restitution. Max Israel is described as follows: 13 years of age, 5 feet 4 inches, 120 pounds, large nose; Jewish.

(The following articles were counted in our statistics for the month of April, but due to lack of space, were not published.)

W. I. TYNDALL, who defrauded a member bank of Blackstone, Va., by securing funds on a note bearing a forged indorse-

ment, was recently arrested at Atlanta, Ga., by the local authorities and has since been returned to Blackstone for trial.

EARNEST WENZEL and EVERETT TRUE, charged with holding up the Woodbine State Bank, Woodbine, Kan., and whose arrest was brought about by the local authorities, entered a plea of guilty. True received an indeterminate sentence of ten to twenty years in the Kansas State Penitentiary. Wenzel, who is under age, was given an indeterminate term in the Kansas State Reformatory.

P. S. ZARATE, alias E. E. Snyder. This individual, after defrauding a member bank at San Diego, Calif., by means of a forgery, left the vicinity and proceeded to Los Angeles. The Los Angeles representatives of our detective agents, after making an investigation, ascertained this fact and traced Zarate to his residence in Los Angeles, where, with the cooperation of the local authorities, he was placed under arrest. He is now being held for the arrival of the San Diego police, at which point he will be tried for the crime against the interested bank.

#### STATISTICS OF THE PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1920	Arrested since August 31, 1920	Arrested in April, 1921	Total	Convicted	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc.....	144	249	50	299	155	85	17	186
Burglars .....	7	24	10	34	28	1	....	12
Holdup robbers.....	7	53	8	61	34	....	2	32
Sneak thieves.....	3	1	....	1	2	2	....	....
Total .....	161	327	68	395	219	88	19	230

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# PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

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## MAY PROTECTIVE WORK

### WARNING

#### WATCH FOR THESE CHECKS

Remember the period, to which attention is called below

The check which is reproduced herewith is similar to many that are now being negotiated, principally in New York City and vicinity. We wish to call attention particularly to the period which appears between the figures representing dollars and the figures representing cents. This gang has formed the practice of showing this characteristic on all of their checks. Kindly call the attention of your paying tellers to this article.

Mail box thieves are rifling hall letter boxes of cigar manufacturing firms, from which they get small checks written by stationery and cigar dealers. In that way they obtain specimens of your customers' signatures, which they forge to blank checks, making same payable to "CASH," usually in the amount of \$220. On the back of the checks they again forge your customers' signatures, which act as guarantee indorsements. So far these operators have experienced no difficulty in securing cash on their forged checks, and many banks have sustained losses.

Should a check of this description be presented at your in-

stitution, detain the presenter under some pretext, then telephone the maker of the check and verify the issuance of same. If there is anything irregular, telephone this department or the nearest office of our detective agents at once.

#### STOLEN CASHIER'S CHECKS BEING PRESENTED

Member bank in Chicago loses large amount; attempts made to victimize banks in St. Louis and New Orleans

Ben Giffney, C. A. Hill, D. M. Rogers and D. A. Yancey are names being used in presenting worthless cashier's checks stolen from the American National Bank, Shreveport, La. Should any cashier's check of that bank bearing a number higher than 11,700 be presented, it is suggested that you communicate with the Shreveport bank either by telephone or telegraph for verification of the issuance of the check.

To date only one successful operation and two attempts have been reported, but doubtlessly we will be advised of further operations in the very near future. In Chicago, Ill., over seven thousand dollars in cash was secured on one of these checks, and we are desirous of causing the apprehension of the parties responsible for these operations.

Due to discrepancies in descriptions we are of the opinion that there is more than one operator working; however, following is a description of the man who usually presents these checks: about 33 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 135 pounds, medium slender build, fair complexion, medium light hair, thin on top.

HARRY DIXON, alias J. J. Johnson, alias M. C. Roberts, are the names used by a young man who opened a savings account with a member bank in Wichita, Kan., on April 22, 1921,

THE BANK

No. JERSEY CITY, N.J. April 28, 1921

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Cash \$220.00

Two hundred & twenty DOLLARS

Samuel Googus

and later deposited a worthless check, on which he was permitted to draw before collection. A specimen of his signature appears below and our detective agents are looking for him. He is described as follows: about 23 years of age, 5 feet 5 or 6 inches, 150 pounds, florid complexion, blue eyes, light hair.

*Harry Dixon*

BEN S. FERREN went to Broken Bow, Okla., last fall and secured a position with a lumber company in their power plant. He opened a small account at a member bank in that city and on April 30, this year, presented to one of the employees of the bank a check signed J. A. Brown, drawn on a bank in Kinsett, Ark. At the time he drew a small amount on the check and left the balance on deposit. The check was returned, as no such party carries an account in the Kinsett bank. In the meantime, Ferren had checked out what money there was in the Broken Bow bank and left for parts unknown. Our detective agents are endeavoring to locate this criminal, who is described as follows: about 42 or 43 years of age, 6 feet, 175 pounds, dark hair; right hand slightly crippled and stiff; has several gold teeth.

*B. S. Ferren*

C. B. HURD defrauded two member banks in Augusta, Kan., by securing loans on an automobile, then disappearing, taking the machine with him. He also borrowed additional money on a false property report. Hurd is an electrician and ran a small electrical shop in Augusta for some time.

MARY MAUDE JONES. This individual negotiated for the purchase of a Reo automobile in Rochester, N. Y., giving the Reo dealer two bogus checks drawn on the Lake Shore Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill. The Reo dealer also introduced her at a local member bank, which sustained a loss through cashing a check in a small amount drawn on the Chicago bank. This woman is described as being between 40 and 50 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 140 pounds, blue eyes, brown hair, graying.

*Mary M. Jones*

A. R. McCALL, alias J. C. Lanier. A young man, introducing himself as A. R. McCall, presented at a Palatka, Fla., member bank, on Saturday, May 14, 1921, a deed covering property in Norfolk, Va., together with a draft drawn on J. C. Lanier, care of Hotel Mason, Jacksonville, Fla. McCall claimed to have been sent to the bank by a local real estate dealer with whom he had negotiated for the purchase of local property. The bank verified the fact that McCall had been negotiating with the real estate dealer. On Monday morning, May 16, the bank received a telegram ostensibly sent by a bank in Jacksonville, advising that the draft had been collected. That afternoon McCall inquired of the bank whether they had heard relative to the draft having been collected. On being informed that they had, he asked them if they would give him in cash almost the total amount that the draft called for, providing he should be able to close the transaction with the real estate

man. At that time he was successful in securing from the bank a small amount of cash. Later in the afternoon he returned, stating he had closed the deal and desired a large amount of cash. Under a pretext the bank declined to give him the money at the time. McCall left the bank and has not been seen since, and it has developed that the telegram was not sent by the bank in Jacksonville and the draft was worthless. It is evident that this man is a dangerous operator, and we would suggest that member banks be on their guard. No description of McCall is available at this writing.

FRANK A. MEYER formerly carried an account at a member bank in Paola, Kans., where he had lived for some time, being an agent for the Singer Sewing Machine Company. Recently he made a deposit of several checks, then checked out all his money, and left for parts unknown in a Ford automobile on the back of which was a truck arrangement for carrying a small sewing machine. Soon after he disappeared four checks drawn on different banks in the vicinity were returned as forgeries, consequently the Paola bank is the loser. Frank A. Meyer is 36 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches, 132 pounds, slender build, dark hair.



EDWARD CHARLES POMEROY

EDWARD CHARLES POMEROY, alias James I. Covington, alias S. D. Jarrett, alias W. H. Wilson, etc. Articles relative to this man have been published in the JOURNAL Supplements for April, 1917; June, 1917; November, 1918; May, 1919; and August, 1919. Recently he resumed operations and caused a member bank of Green Cove Springs, Fla., to sustain a loss. Pomeroy has been spending three or four weeks at Green Cove Springs every winter for the past three years. He succeeded in securing cash from a member bank there on a bogus certified check drawn on the First National Bank, Philadelphia, Pa. His description is given as follows: 40 years of age, 5 feet 9 inches, 119 pounds, slender build, florid complexion, blue eyes, sandy red hair.

*S. D. Garrett*

*James I. Covington*

JOHN J. ROCHE, formerly an insurance agent in Tucumcari, N. Mex., where he was connected with the National Insurance

Company of the Southwest, went to St. Joseph, Mo., during the latter part of April and made arrangements to represent another insurance company at Chillicothe, Mo. On arriving in Chillicothe, bearing good credentials, he immediately opened an account with a member bank there, with a check drawn on a bank in Tucumcari. He was allowed to check against his account before collection was made on the check he deposited, which proved to be worthless. Our detective agents are endeavoring to locate Roche, a specimen of whose handwriting appears below, and who is described as being 42 years of age, 5 feet 6 inches, 185 pounds, heavy build, gray hair, cut pompadour; smooth shaven; neat dresser; first two fingers and thumb cut off of left hand.



### GENERAL

#### STOLEN LIBERTY BONDS

We have been requested by the National Bank of New Jersey, New Brunswick, N. J., to report the loss or theft of six First Converted, 4½ per cent Liberty Bonds, bearing the following numbers:

\$1000 Bond.....	No. A 00111931
\$1000 Bond.....	No. B 00206587
\$1000 Bond.....	No. D 00111929
\$1000 Bond.....	No. D 0021624
\$1000 Bond.....	No. E 00111930
\$1000 Bond.....	No. G 00073815

It is alleged that these bonds were removed by SHUBEL K. SIVER, a warrant having been issued for his arrest.

Shubel K. Siver is described as follows: 48 years of age (appears younger), 5 feet 10 inches, 170 pounds, light complexion, faded blue eyes, light hair, bald on top, yellowish teeth, light Charlie Chaplin mustache, scar on right side of face from edge of mouth extending down below the jaw, small wart under one eye.

Should any of these bonds be presented by the above described person, immediately notify this department or the nearest office of our detective agents.

#### STOLEN K. N. & K. TRAVELERS' CHECKS

We have been requested to publish the following numbers of K. N. & K. Travelers' Checks that have been stolen:

\$10 Checks—P—13638—38 to 13638—40, inclusive.
10 Checks—P—15965—09 to 15965—49, inclusive.
20 Checks—T—26760—67 to 26760—99, inclusive.
50 Checks—R—32262—78 to 32262—89, inclusive.
100 Checks—S—4397—83 to 4397—99, inclusive.

Some of these checks are now being presented, having been cashed in Pittsburgh, Wilkinsburg and Franklin, Pa., and Cleveland, Ohio.

Kindly watch for these and report to this department should any of them be presented for payment.

#### MISSING UNITED STATES CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS

We have been requested by a member bank of San Diego, Calif., to publish the fact that the following described United States Certificate of Indebtedness is missing from the safe of one of their customers:

United States Certificate of Indebtedness (Definitive)  
No. 11,227, Series T-10, 4½%, dated 9/15/19, due 9/15/20, in the amount of \$10,000; with coupon No. 2, due 9/15/20, for \$225 still attached.

Any information relative to this certificate should be communicated to this department or the First National Bank, San Diego, Calif.

J. L. COHEN, alias J. L. Crohn, alias J. C. Harris, alias Morris Block, alias Joseph Steiner, etc. This individual operated during 1914 with checks purporting to have been issued by different clothing firms in St. Louis, Mo. He was arrested during August, 1914. Articles relative to him were published in July, October and December, 1914, JOURNAL SUPPLEMENTS. He has served two terms in the Missouri State Penitentiary. Recently he resumed operations and is now using checks ostensibly issued by the Northern Fur Company and the Baer, Steinberg & Cohen Company, drawn on the American Trust Company, St. Louis, Mo. He is described as follows: 60 years of age, 5 feet 7 inches, 135 pounds, slender build, swarthy complexion, gray eyes, gray hair.

J. J. CUNNINGHAM opened a small commercial account during the month of March at a member bank of Lorain, Ohio, and has been drawing checks on them ever since, which checks are being returned marked "Not sufficient funds." He was last heard from in the southern part of Ohio and at Rochester, Pa. No description of Cunningham is available at this time.

A. A. RAGAN caused a member bank of East River, Idaho, to suffer a loss on a cashier's check bearing a forged indorsement and drawn on a Bynum, Mont., bank. This operator is described as follows: 52 years of age, 5 feet 10 inches, 180 pounds, dark blue eyes, brown hair, reddish mustache, prominent nose.

#### CORRECTION

JOE A. WRIGHT. The article relative to the arrest of this individual which appeared in the May, 1921, JOURNAL Supplement was published in error, as the same arrest was quoted in this JOURNAL some time ago. We are correcting our statistics accordingly.

#### ARRESTED

##### ANOTHER BANK HOLDUP SOLVED

On information supplied by this department and our detective agents, William Trefrey was arrested by the New York Police Department

WILLIAM TREFREY, alias Canada Bill, is charged with being implicated in the holdup of the First National Bank of Portland, Conn., which took place on August 22, 1920, when five men secured \$12,500; he has also been partially identified as being one of the men who participated in the frustrated holdup of the Bank of Manhattan Company, Corona, N. Y., on July 7, 1920. We are also in possession of positive information that this individual was in the vicinity of the First National Bank of



Roselle, N. J., at the time that bank was held up on October 16, 1919, but to date we have been unable to have him identified by any of the bank employees.

Since our detective agents were successful in clearing up the holdup of the Peoples Trust Company, Wyomissing, Pa., a non-member bank, they having effected the arrest of several bandits, two of whom were identified as being implicated in the holdup of the First National Bank at Roselle, they have been checking information, which has been supplied to the local detective bureau. Through that information William Trefrey was located and taken to police headquarters, where he was positively identified by three residents of Portland, Conn. On being confronted with the evidence in that case, Trefrey confessed to his share in the crime.

Shortly after the arrest of Trefrey, the New York police department arrested a man by the name of JOE GREEN, who has been friendly with Trefrey for some time. Green was also identified by the Portland citizens, and has since confessed to his part in the holdup of the interested bank.

We are reproducing a photograph of William Trefrey, who is a dangerous man and is well acquainted with banking routine, as he has been an employee of several different banking institutions.



WILLIAM TREFREY

In 1913, Trefrey was successful in defrauding a member bank in New York City by means of bogus drafts stolen from an institution in which he had been an employee. Knowing their methods, he experienced no difficulty in having the local bank pay on his drafts. He was apprehended for that crime and served an indeterminate term in Sing Sing Prison.

It is doubtful at this writing whether Trefrey will be returned to Connecticut to stand trial on the bank charge, or be tried for the holdup of a New York City jewelry store, to which he has also confessed. There is still one man unaccounted for in connection with the Portland holdup, two other men having been arrested and now serving sentences in the Connecticut State Penitentiary.

## BURGLARY GANG CAPTURED

Entire southern clique with the exception of two in the toils

Too much praise cannot be given to the untiring efforts of Chief Post Office Inspector Gregory, of Columbia, S. C., in handling the details gathered in investigating a series of bank and post office burglaries in the southern states. Inspector Gregory was ably assisted by Post Office Inspectors Mansfield, Burheimm, Hudgins, Tafel, Knight and Burshea. The Secret Service was represented by Agent Thomas. Breshin, of the Department of Justice, United States Marshal Sims, Sheriff Heise, Chief Strickland, Commissioner Sloan and our detective agents' representatives also come in for their share of praise.

On May 14, 1921, the above-mentioned individuals gathered at Columbia, S. C., and there perfected plans for a raid that was to net the members of a band of bank burglars who have been operating over a large territory, but making their headquarters at Columbia. The first man brought in was WILLIAM BRAWLEY, who was quickly followed by LOYD LOVICK, ALEX CARTLEDGE, J. M. GOFF, WILLIAM NORWALL, and WILLIS CARTLEDGE. Later DEWEY DENNIS, who had escaped the first raid, surrendered to the local authorities.

Previous to these arrests WATSON WALLACE and JOHN GUNN, the leader of the band, were arrested in Springfield, Ill., on May 5. They are being held for the authorities of Columbia, S. C.

The list of victims includes many post offices in small towns in the south. It also includes several banks, but as the investigation is still under way, we are only in a position to name two member banks; viz., the Bank of Heath Springs, S. C., and the Elverson National Bank, Elverson, Pa.

We wish to congratulate and thank the above-mentioned officials for their splendid work in behalf of members of this Association.

## MAY ROUNDUP

Cleanup made by Post Office Inspectors and our detective agents

On February 17, 1921, the Farmers State Bank, Gibbon, Okla., was broken into, but nothing of great value was removed. On the same evening the State Bank at Wakita, Okla., was also entered and several thousand dollars' worth of securities and revenue stamps stolen. As these two banks were situated in nearby towns, it was evident that the work was by the same band of burglars.

Due to the theft of Government stamps, Post Office Inspectors Haynes, Adamson, Hill and Smith were assigned to the case. During their investigation, they joined our detective agents' representative and cooperated to the utmost. Their investigations developed the fact that Jeff, Jess and George Duree had been purchasing various articles from mail order firms, paying in stamps. It was also learned that they had sold several lots of bonds. The movements of these men were thoroughly checked. Finally on May 16, it was decided to raid the house where the Duree boys resided.

With this object in view, Inspectors Haynes, Smith, Adamson and Hill and Deputy Sheriff John Willard surrounded the Duree residence in Tulsa, Okla. At a given signal they entered the house and placed under arrest JEFF DUREE, JESS DUREE, GLEN DOWNS, ARTHUR M. CHRISTIE, G. M. DOWNS, alias Babe Downs, HATTIE DUREE and NORA DUREE, the latter two being wives of Jeff and Jess Duree.

Immediately following the raid, the homes of the above-named people were searched, and considerable loot belonging to the Government and the interested banks, consisting of stamps in various denominations, was found. Guns and ammunition of every sort were also found, among which was a revolver taken from the Gibbons bank.

Data secured during the raid is sufficient to show that this band has been responsible for the many bank burglaries in small towns of Oklahoma. At the present time the above-named inspectors and our agents are still checking leads obtained through the raid, and it is hoped that a few more arrests will follow.

We wish to congratulate and thank the above-mentioned officials for their splendid work in behalf of members of this Association.

## GERONIMO, OKLA., HOLDUP

On April 29, 1921, the Citizens Bank of Geronimo, Okla., was held up by two men, but no funds were secured. One of the men shot and seriously wounded the cashier. Then both ran from the bank, as the shot had attracted the attention of several citizens in the general store across from the bank. The bandits jumped into a Ford which had stood in front of the bank with the motor running and were driven away by a woman who had remained at the wheel.

Posses were immediately organized and the Ford was overtaken about four miles from town. The two men left the car and ran for the brush. The woman didn't get away from the car and she was placed under arrest. The two men were located later by the posses and also placed under arrest. All were local characters, the woman being MRS. L. M. KYLE and the men, JAMES H. HAMM and ARTHUR BAUCOM. One of our detective agents' representatives questioned the two men. Hamm admitted his part in the hold-up and Baucum acknowledged firing the shot which wounded the cashier. All are being held awaiting trial.

A. B. APPLE. A member bank of Ethel, Miss., reported having been victimized on two bogus checks and the matter was referred to our detective agents' Memphis representatives for investigation. They traced the operator to El Dorado, Ark., and effected his arrest there on May 11, 1921. He was held awaiting extradition to Mississippi.

J. D. ARNETT, alias Dan Arnett. A director of a Big Springs, Tex., member bank was acquainted with this man several years ago and recently identified him at the bank as being D. Arnett. Arnett then deposited three bogus checks and was successful in securing a small amount of cash. A short time ago Arnett was arrested by the sheriff at Cleburne, Tex. He has been returned to Venus, Tex., to stand trial on the bank's charge.

ROBERT BARLOW, alias Robert J. Carleton, alias A. A. Carlson. This individual defrauded a San Francisco, Calif., member bank on a check to which he had forged the signature of a depositor. Our detective agents located him and effected his arrest on April 27, 1921, and he was held awaiting trial.

SEVERINO BLANCO was employed for a short time as a house boy in the home of a depositor in a San Francisco, Calif., member bank. After leaving her employ, he forged her name to a check in a small amount and the bank sustained a loss on same. Our agents were requested to locate Severino Blanco, which they were successful in doing in a few hours. After several hours of questioning, Blanco made a confession. He is now awaiting trial. The California Bankers Association cooperated in financing this investigation.

JOHN BRACCHI. On April 28, 1921, a member bank of Girardville, Pa., was held up by three men who helped themselves to all the cash and Liberty bonds in sight, forced those in the bank into the vault, then fled from the bank. Later the same day a sergeant of the Pennsylvania State Police arrested John Bracchi and recovered the major part of the funds. The other two men are still being sought.

CHARLES BRACKETT, BUSH WOODS and B. E. HAYES, who, it is alleged, held up a member bank of Locust Grove, Okla., on April 25, 1921, were arrested by the local authorities near Locust Grove on April 26. They are now awaiting trial.

OLIVE BRADLEY caused a member bank of Buffalo, N. Y., to sustain a loss on two worthless checks in small amounts. She was recently placed under arrest by the local authorities in Buffalo, and has been sentenced to an indeterminate term in the Albion, N. Y., House of Refuge.

H. E. DAVIS caused a San Francisco, Calif., member bank to sustain a loss on two checks bearing forged signatures. During the latter part of April, 1921, Davis was placed under arrest in New Orleans, La., by the local authorities. He has been returned since to San Francisco for trial.

H. H. DAY defrauded a member bank of Chattanooga, Okla., by means of a mortgage swindle. Recently he was arrested at Electric, Tex., by the local authorities. He has been returned to Oklahoma and is now awaiting trial.

HERMAN EXTERSTINE (true name), alias J. D. Herman, is under arrest at Houston, Texas, charged with defrauding a member bank of San Bernardino, Calif., by means of a worthless check. Exterstine, alias Herman, will be returned to San Bernardino for trial.

BENJAMIN E. FELTER, alias George Murray Baker, etc. An article relative to this individual's operation against a Somerville, N. J., member bank appeared in the January, 1921, JOURNAL Supplement. Articles relative to his previous operations appeared in the following JOURNAL Supplements: July, 1915; August, 1915; June, 1916; and June, 1917. Recently Felter was arrested in Cleveland, Ohio, by the local authorities. A detainer warrant was lodged by the New Jersey authorities. However, Felter attempted to commit suicide in Cleveland and was subsequently adjudged insane and is now confined in the Ohio State Hospital for the Insane.

R. M. FORE has been arrested at Memphis, Tenn., through information supplied by our detective agents. He defrauded a member bank of Vernon, Tex.



JOHN GILMORE

JOHN GILMORE, alias John Gilbert, alias John Tate, alias John Simpson, etc. We first heard of this individual in February, 1915, when he defrauded member banks in Ohio and Pennsylvania by means of forged checks. He was arrested on the charge of the Ohio bank, confessed, and on April 17, 1915, was sentenced to serve an indeterminate term in the Ohio State Penitentiary. During November, 1919, Gilmore defrauded a New Jersey member bank by means of a forged check. During January, 1921, a member bank of Pittsburgh, Pa., sustained a loss on two checks issued by this individual. During April, 1921, he defrauded a member bank in Sioux City, Iowa. On May 3, 1921, he attempted to operate in Des Moines, Iowa, where he was placed under arrest by the local authorities. At the time of his arrest, it was not known that this individual had a record or that he had defrauded any member banks. Our detective agents were successful in ascertaining his old record and having him identified in connection with the other operations referred to in this article. Arrangements have been made to have the Pittsburgh authorities lodge a detainer warrant so that in the event he should be released there, he would be returned to Pittsburgh for trial.

L. N. HARVEY defrauded a member bank of Stanwood, Wash., by means of a forged indorsement. Our detective agents' Seattle representatives were called on to locate the operator and on learning that Harvey was in Portland, Ore., referred the matter to their Portland representatives, who were successful in locating and effecting his arrest on April 20, 1921. He has been returned to Washington for trial.

JAMES HATHAWAY, alias "Big Texas," JAMES SWEENEY, alias James Stowe and JAMES SULLIVAN, alias "Detroit Jimmy," charged with a series of bank holdups in Michigan and implicated in the holdup of the Hays National Bank, Hays, Pa., have been given life sentences in the Michigan State Penitentiary at Marquette, Mich.

OTTO KIRKLAND, alias W. E. Perkins, alias W. E. Williams, alias R. B. Covington, alias J. B. Furlough. A Clinton, La., member bank reported having been defrauded on two checks bearing the forged signatures of a depositor. Our detective agents' New Orleans representatives investigated the matter and established the identity of the operator as Otto Kirkland, who was placed under arrest on April 13, 1921, by the local sheriff, who cooperated with our agents. Subsequently Kirkland made a complete confession. He is now awaiting trial.

SHERMAN S. KRELLBERG, who caused a New York, N. Y., member bank to sustain a loss of a considerable amount through an overdraft, was arrested in New York on May 6, 1921, by the local police department on another charge.

W. D. LOWRY defrauded a member bank of Chicago, Ill., by means of a worthless check in a small amount, on May 12, 1921. Lowry was located at a hotel in Chicago and on the following day was arrested by the local authorities cooperating with our detective agents' Chicago representatives. He is being held awaiting trial.

ARCHIE MCCOY. Early in the morning of April 20, 1921, an attempt was made to burglarize the Troutdale State bank, Troutdale, Ore. No funds were secured, but the bank building was wrecked. The following day the local authorities arrested Archie McCoy and he is being held awaiting trial.

P. J. McMAHON. This individual succeeded in securing cash from a Spokane, Wash., member bank on two forged checks and the matter was reported to our detective agents' Spokane representatives. They ascertained that McMahon was involved in bootlegging schemes, and by investigating along those lines, were successful in locating him and effecting his arrest. He is now awaiting trial. The Washington Bankers Association cooperated in financing this investigation.

MIKE MENDAYK, relative to whom an article was published in the March, 1920, JOURNAL Supplement, was arrested in Portland, Ore., on May 4, 1921, by the local authorities and other interested parties.



FRANK MOORE

FRANK MOORE, who defrauded a member bank in Louisville, Ky., on a forged check, was arrested in Dayton, Ohio, by the local authorities recently. He was released on bond, which he forfeited. He is now classed as a fugitive from justice.

ENRIQUE PABLO. A member bank of Livingston, Calif., was victimized during February, 1921, by means of a check in a considerable amount which bore the forged signature of a depositor. On April 13, the same individual attempted to secure funds from the Livingston bank through a member bank in Oakland. This information was supplied to our detective agents' San Francisco representatives, who arranged a reception party at the Oakland bank. Late that day the operator appeared and forged the name of the depositor of the Livingston bank to a draft. He was placed under arrest by the Oakland Police Department cooperating with our agents. He gave his name as Enrique Pablo. The costs of this investigation were prorated between the California Bankers Association and this Association.

JAMES RALPH defrauded a Portland, Ore., member bank by means of two worthless checks and the matter was reported to our detective agents for investigation. On March 22, 1921, Ralph was arrested by the police department in San Francisco, Calif., on a local charge and released a few days later on probation. On April 20, 1921, he was again arrested by the San Francisco Police Department and arrangements were made by our agents with the Portland authorities to have a detainer warrant lodged. The Oregon Bankers Association cooperated in financing this investigation.

E. C. ROSE, who perpetrated a mortgage swindle on a member bank at Temple, Okla., was recently arrested in the vicinity of Sanger, Texas, by the local authorities. He has since been returned to Oklahoma for trial.

HAROLD D. SMITH, who defrauded a Tacoma, Wash., member bank by means of a worthless check, was located in Portland, Ore., on April 16, 1921, and his arrest effected by our detective agents' representatives there. He was held awaiting extradition to Tacoma. The cost of this investigation was prorated between the Washington Bankers Association and this Association.

JOHN O. SMITH victimized a member bank of De Soto, Mo., by means of a check bearing the forged signature of his father. Our detective agents' St. Louis representatives investigated the matter and ascertained that the operator was in St. Louis. On May 2, 1921, John O. Smith was placed under arrest by the St. Louis Police Department, who cooperated with our agents. Smith has been returned to De Soto for trial.

CARL H. SUTTON stole several blank checks from a firm in Tampa, Fla., for which he worked at one time. During January, 1921, he forged the depositor's signature to one check and secured a considerable amount of cash from the interested member bank. Our special representative at Atlanta investigated the matter. On April 18, 1921, Sutton attempted to secure funds on another forged check, but the forgery was discovered and he ran from the bank. However, he was recognized and subsequently placed under arrest by the local authorities. On being questioned by our special representative, he made a complete confession. He is now awaiting trial.

W. E. THRELKELD caused a member bank of Sioux Rapids, Iowa, to sustain a loss on a bogus check in a small amount. Our detective agents' Des Moines representatives conducted an investigation on behalf of the bank's membership in the Iowa Bankers Association and this Association and were successful in locating Threlkeld and effecting his arrest in Sioux City, Iowa. Subsequently he made complete restitution and was released from custody.



A. WEINBERG and HARRY FRIEDMAN. On July 7, 1920, the Corona Branch of the Bank of Manhattan Company was held up, but no funds secured. Subsequently A. Weinberg and Harry Friedman were arrested by the local police. During April, 1921, these two men were convicted and sentenced to serve a term of from five to ten years in Sing Sing Prison.



C. S. WHITLOW

C. S. WHITLOW, relative to whom an article was published in the March, 1920, JOURNAL Supplement, continued his opera-

tions in December, 1920, defrauding two other Oklahoma banks in small amounts. During March, 1921, he defrauded a Cherokee, Okla., bank of a large amount. Our detective agents conducted an investigation and on April 21, 1921, Whitlow was placed under arrest by the Tulsa Police Department cooperating with our agents. Due to a technicality, the Cherokee bank was unable to secure a warrant, but Whitlow has been returned to Waggoner for trial, as he also operated there with forged checks.

HERBY WOOD defrauded a member bank of Jonesboro, Ark., through securing funds on forged notes. While our agents were engaged in their investigation, Wood put in his appearance at Jonesboro. He was recognized by the local authorities and placed under arrest.

ROY WRIGHT, alias James Washington (negro). A member bank of Oklahoma City, Okla., cashed a forged check in a small amount for an individual claiming to be James Washington. Our detective agents' local representatives located the operator and effected his arrest. He gave his true name as Roy Wright and later pleaded guilty to the charge against him. He was sentenced to serve one year and one day in the Oklahoma State Penitentiary.

#### STATISTICS OF THE PROTECTIVE DEPARTMENT

	Awaiting trial August 31, 1920	Arrested since August 31, 1920	Arrested in May, 1921	Total	Convicted	Discharged or acquitted	Fugitive, escaped, insane or died	Awaiting trial
Forgers, etc.....	144	298	28	326	174	89	23	184
Burglars .....	7	34	17	51	29	1	....	28
Holdup robbers.....	7	61	14	75	46	....	2	34
Sneak thieves.....	3	1	....	1	2	2	....	....
Total .....	161	394	59	453	251	92	25	246

